# Northwest Territories Summary of Hunting Regulations

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**This booklet is not a legal document nor a complete listing of the current hunting regulations. The hunting maps are not legal documents, but are included for reference to give a general outline of hunting areas in the Northwest Territories (NWT).**

**Amendments to regulations may be made after the printing of this booklet. For more information and updates, contact a Renewable Resource Officer near you, or check our website.**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) has various booklets and videos you may find useful while visiting the NWT such as *Safety in Black and Grizzly Bear Country* and *A Field Guide to Common Wildlife Diseases in the NWT*. Please visit our website for further information on how to obtain copies of these documents.

**For a complete list of territorial hunting regulations, visit our webpage at www.enr.gov.nt.ca.**

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## A NEW *WILDLIFE ACT* FOR THE NWT

A new *Wildlife Act* (the Act) came into force November 28, 2014. Several changes have been made in the new Act and its related regulations that affect hunters in the Northwest Territories.

### New Residency Requirements

- Residency requirement for a resident hunting licence is 12 months.
- If you are temporarily absent from the NWT, but intend to return, you do not lose your residency for the purpose of obtaining a resident hunting licence if you return within 12 months.
- The regulations allow for some situations, such as attending school or receiving medical treatment, where you can retain your residency for the purposes of obtaining a resident hunting licence after a temporary absence of more than 12 months.

### Age Requirements

The minimum age to obtain a hunting licence is 12 years old. Any youth under 18 must have the consent of a parent or guardian to obtain a licence.

A youth under 18 years of age can also hunt without a licence, under the authority of an adult harvester who is entitled to hunt in the NWT. The youth must have the consent of a parent or guardian and is subject to the terms and conditions that apply to the adult they are hunting with. Anything harvested by the young harvester will be counted against the bag limit of the person supervising him or her.

All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult harvester while hunting. Both the person who consents to the hunting licence and the person accompanying a young harvester are legally responsible for the young harvester's actions.

Non-resident and non-resident alien youth must have a hunting licence, tags, and be accompanied by a person who is eligible for and holds a valid NWT hunting licence.

Only resident youth can hunt without a licence.

### Wastage

- Wildlife is a valuable resource and every hunter should use all parts of their harvested game. Wasting edible parts of game shows a lack of respect for precious wildlife resources in the NWT and is against the law.
- The new Act sets minimum standards for wastage for everyone. Leaving the following parts in the field is an offence:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bison, Caribou (all types), Deer (all types), Elk, Moose, Muskox | Backstraps, hindquarters above the knee, front quarters above the knee, tenderloins, rib meat and neck meat |
| Mountain Goat, Mountain Sheep | Backstraps, hindquarters above the knee, front quarters above the knee, tenderloins and neck meat |
| Migratory game birds and upland game birds | Breast meat |
| Coyote, Wolf, Wolverine, Beaver, Fox (all types), Otter, Lynx, Marten, Fisher, Skunk, Ermine (Stoat), Least weasel, Mink, Muskrat | Hide or pelt |

- When a bear, beaver or muskrat is harvested for a hide, the hide cannot be wasted; when harvested for meat, the eligible parts of bear, beaver or muskrat cannot be wasted and the hide or pelt can be left in the field.

### Fees

The "trophy fee" has been replaced with a "harvest fee", which is applicable to all big game successfully harvested by non-resident and non-resident alien hunters, regardless of whether any parts are exported from the NWT.

## Small Game Authorizations

The small game regulations are now consistent with the land claim agreements in the NWT. Some of the land claim agreements include an exclusive right for beneficiaries to harvest furbearers in certain areas. This means that licenced hunters cannot harvest the following species without permission from the land claim organization and obtaining a Special Harvester Licence:

- Ground squirrel, red squirrel, marmot and hare in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region;
- Ground squirrel, red squirrel and marmot in the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and
- Red squirrel and marmot in the Sahtù Settlement Area
- Woodchuck and red squirrel on Tłı̨chǫ lands.

## Caching

Hunters often cache or temporarily leave their harvested game on the land and return to it later. In those cases, a hunter now must take reasonable measures to:

- Protect the items from being disturbed by other animals or the natural environment; and
- Mark the items to identify the harvester by attaching a tag, or providing the harvester's name, licence or identification number and signature.

## Equipment Standards

There are new or revised minimum ammunition and equipment standards for licenced big game hunters:

- At least .30 calibre ammunition to hunt wood bison;
- At least .222 calibre ammunition to hunt wolf and wolverine in all areas of the NWT;
- Polar bear standards remain the same with a minimum requirement of 2,800 joules of energy at the muzzle;
- At least .243 calibre ammunition to hunt all other types of big game; and
- New standards for crossbow use require a draw weight of at least 68 kg at 700 mm, a bolt weight of at least 16.2 g and at least a 2.2 cm diametre cutting broadhead.

There are other new approaches in the Act and regulations to ensure the wise use and conservation of wildlife in the Northwest Territories. A plain language version of the Act is available (visit: www.enr.gov.nt.ca) and look for fact sheets in the future to help hunters understand the new legislation.

During the hunting season, Renewable Resource Officers inspect hunters for compliance with hunting regulations at check points, border crossings and in hunting areas throughout the NWT.

The regulations summarized in this booklet apply to hunters who require a resident, non-resident or non-resident alien hunting licence to hunt.

### NWT Residency Requirements

1) NWT Resident: A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who has been living in the NWT for 12 continuous months.
2) Non-resident: A Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who lives outside the NWT or has not resided in the NWT for 12 months.
3) Non-resident Alien: An individual who is neither an NWT resident nor a non-resident.

## Do You Need an Outfitter

Non-residents and non-resident aliens require an outfitter to hunt big game (but not small game). Outfitters provide licenced guides for the hunters they serve. For information on outfitters in the NWT, contact **NWT Tourism** (see back page).

## Your Licence

You must have a hunting licence to hunt small game. To hunt big game you need a hunting licence and wildlife tag(s).

Wildlife tags are issued for each species. The tags are part of your licence and must be attached to the animal immediately after the kill. Your hunting licence and wildlife tags must be carried with you when hunting.

Licences and tags may be purchased from most ENR offices in the NWT. In Yellowknife and some of the larger communities, licences and tags may also be purchased from vendors. However, big game licences and tags for big game species hunted by non-residents and non-resident aliens may **only** be purchased at ENR offices.

A licence is not valid until signed by the person to whom it has been issued. A licence is not transferable.

Licences and tags are issued for one year starting 1 July and ending 30 June. The licence is valid for a species only during an open season for that species.

If you lose your licence, you must report this loss to a Renewable Resource Officer, who will, after you have signed an affidavit, issue a replacement for a fee of $20 plus GST. If you lose tags, the replacement cost for each is the same as the price for the original.

### Fees

**Licence/Tag Fees:** For all classes of hunters, fees must be paid before you go hunting.

**Harvest Fees:** Must be paid by non-resident and non-resident aliens for each big game animal successfully harvested regardless of export. (see pages 20 – 33 for specific fee information).

**All fees are subject to the 5% Goods and Services Tax.**

## Ethics

Responsible hunting has an honourable history, great traditions and a code of ethical conduct that extends beyond hunting laws. If hunting is to continue as a respected and honourable activity, hunters must take ethics and responsibility seriously. The privilege to hunt carries with it responsibility to other people, wildlife and the environment.

Do not chase or harass wildlife while hunting. Only shoot what you will use and do not waste meat from animals you harvest.

Please leave the area you hunt in looking the same way it did before you arrived. Pack out your trash and equipment and do not damage the land with your vehicles. If you are hunting on private lands within an area with a settled land claim, you must ask permission first.

Please dispose of any parts you leave behind on land and not on the winter roads or frozen lakes. This ensures that once the ice melts, the remains do not fall into the water, possibly polluting the area. Gut piles can also pose a safety concern for people travelling on the ice or winter roads. As well, it is considered a sign of respect in some cultures to leave the remains of land animals on the land and not in the water.

Be a safe hunter and respect other hunters in the field. Know the hunting regulations and report any and all violations to the nearest Renewable Resource Officer or the Report a Poacher line at 1-866-762-2437.

## NWT Barren-ground Caribou Management Strategy for 2011-2015

Barren-ground caribou are one of the most important wildlife resources in the NWT. Some Aboriginal cultures have depended on caribou for thousands of years. All herds of barren-ground caribou monitored by the GNWT declined over the period 2000 to 2006/2009. Some herds have stabilized since 2006, but others, notably the Bluenose-East, Bathurst, Bluenose-West, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula and Qamanirijuaq, are declining as of surveys in 2014 and 2015. As a result, the GNWT, working in collaboration with co-management boards, Aboriginal governments and

responsible agencies in Nunavut, has been taking action to ensure that herds have the opportunity to recover and enable sustainable harvesting.

The 2011-2015 Caribou Management Strategy describes monitoring and management programs led by the GNWT that support the continued recovery of NWT barren-ground caribou herds. This is the second five-year strategy developed by the GNWT. The Caribou Management Strategy is available at www.enr.gov.nt.ca or by contacting the nearest regional ENR office (see contact information at the end of the guide).

ENR is in the process of developing the next barren-ground caribou management strategy for 2016-2020 and there will be an opportunity for public review.

### The Caribou Hunters – A Video

The Fort Smith Métis Council, in conjunction with ENR, has produced a video titled *The Caribou Hunters*. This video, available on VHS and DVD, is intended to show hunters one approach to hunting, skinning and butchering caribou in an efficient and ethical way. For a free copy of this video, please contact your nearest Regional ENR Office (see Contact Information).

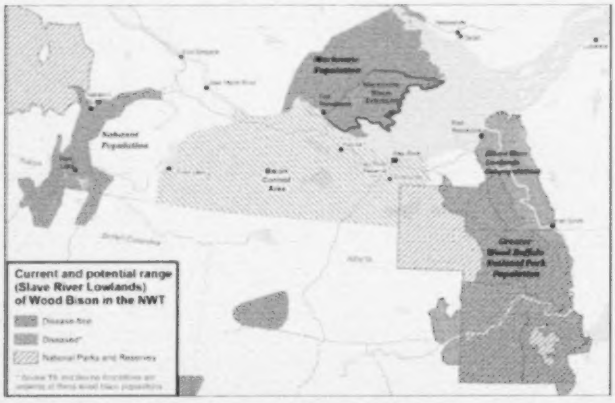
### If You See a Bison in the Control Area...

In the Northwest Territories, two populations of disease-free wood bison have been re-established. The Mackenzie population is found north of the Mackenzie River and has been one of the cornerstones of the nation's wood bison recovery program. The Nahanni population occupies a range in the Liard and Nahanni River Valleys.

The greater Wood Buffalo National Park population, which includes bison in the Slave River Lowlands, is infected with bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis. In 1987, the Bison Control Area (BCA) was created to prevent the spread of these diseases to the healthy Mackenzie and Nahanni populations. The BCA program is jointly funded by the Parks Canada Agency and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

All bison in the BCA are presumed to be diseased and must be removed and tested.

For more information on the BCA, please visit the ENR website at www.enr.gov.nt.ca.


Current and potential range (Slave River Lowlands) of Wood Bison in the NWT
Disease-free
Diseased*
National Parks and Reserves

Please report any bison sightings in the BCA as soon as possible to the nearest ENR office. Under the Northwest Territories wildlife regulations, a resident may, at any time, hunt bison within the BCA. A hunter who wounds or kills a bison in the BCA is required to report the incident as soon as practical. If you would like more information regarding the Bison Control Program, please contact any ENR office.

Phone Hay River (867) 875-5550, Fort Providence (867) 699-3002, Fort Smith (867) 872-6400, Fort Simpson (867) 695-7450 or Fort Liard (867) 770-4300.

## ATTENTION RESIDENT HUNTERS

### We Need Your Help – NWT Resident Hunter Harvest Surveys

Each fall, an NWT Resident Hunter Harvest Survey is sent to all resident hunters who purchased a resident big or small game hunting licence during the previous hunting season. The survey asks hunters to provide information about hunting effort and harvests. The next questionnaire will request information about the previous hunting season.

The information you provide in the Resident Hunter Harvest Survey is necessary for effective wildlife management in the Northwest Territories. The survey results provide insight into hunting activities and success, composition of the harvest, wildlife management area use and estimated total harvests. This information is vital for understanding factors affecting northern species and helps wildlife managers make the best decisions possible.

The following is an example of the type of information collected in the questionnaire:

DID YOU HUNT MOOSE? Yes ☑ No ☐
If yes, were you successful? Yes ☑ No ☐
Please provide the following data - **whether your hunt was successful or not.**

| | | | | Type of kill | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hunt Location Lat/Long or nearest landmark | Wildlife Zone | Month of Hunt | # Days Hunted | Bull | Cow | Juvenile |
| 63° 5' 115° 30' Mosher Lake | R-BC-01 | Sept. | 3 | 1 | | |

Some points to consider regarding this survey:

1. **All information provided is confidential.** Personal information is NOT kept on file. No information provided will be used for enforcement purposes.
2. It is just as important to **complete and return the form if you did not hunt or if you hunted and were unsuccessful.** For unsuccessful hunts, information on number of days hunted and location of hunt is valuable.
3. Take notes when you hunt on numbers harvested, dates and locations. Provide any additional comments on wildlife sightings or unusual occurrences using the questionnaire.

We appreciate the efforts made by resident hunters who have completed the survey in the past. The more people who respond to this survey, the more accurate the estimate of total resident harvest will be. It is this relationship between responsible hunters and wildlife management agencies that will allow the sustainable continuation of the hunting tradition. Thank you.

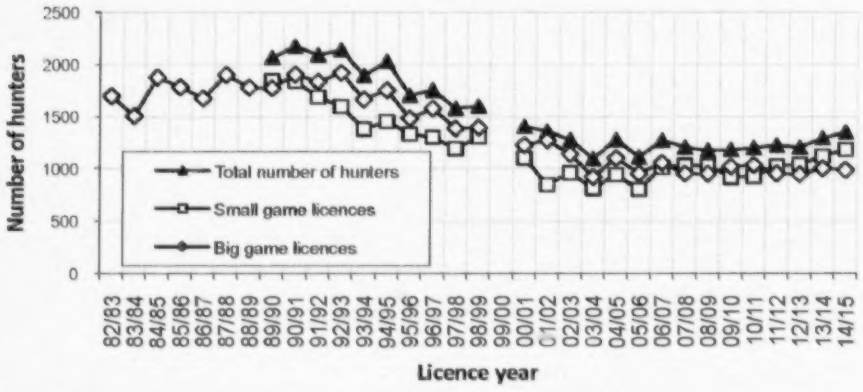
Some of your results are summarized in the next pages. Complete results will be sent with your questionnaire in the fall.

Should you have any comments or questions about the survey or its results please contact us at:
Wildlife Division
Environment and Natural Resources
Box 1320
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9
E-mail: wildlifeobs@gov.nt.ca
Phone: 867-767-9237 ext. 53220

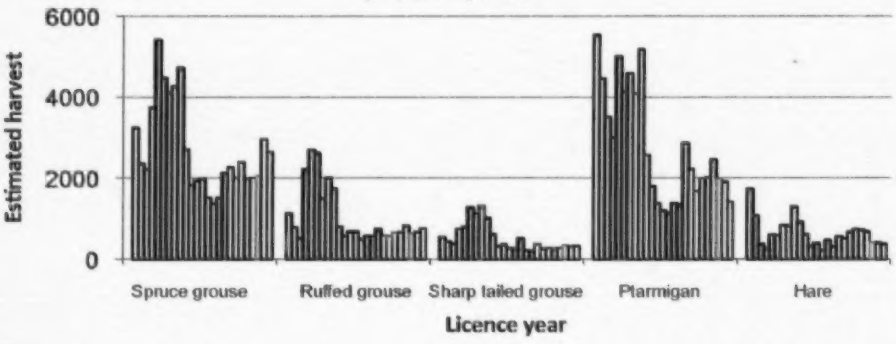
Thank you for hunting safely and responsibly.

## NWT Resident Hunter Harvest Survey Results

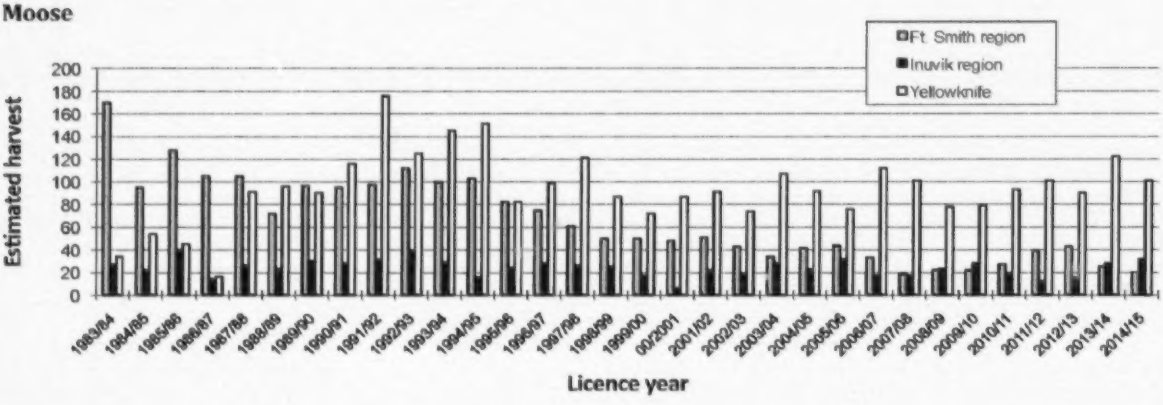
**NWT Resident Hunters**




**Small Game**




**Moose**



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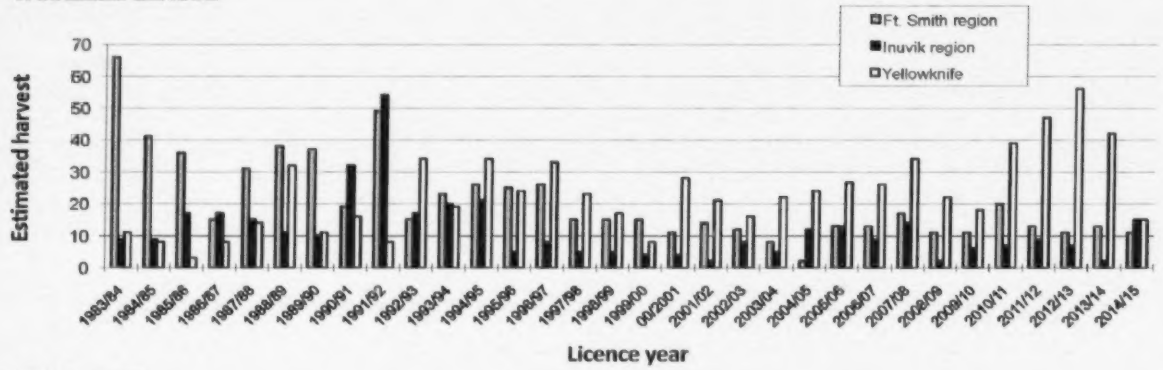
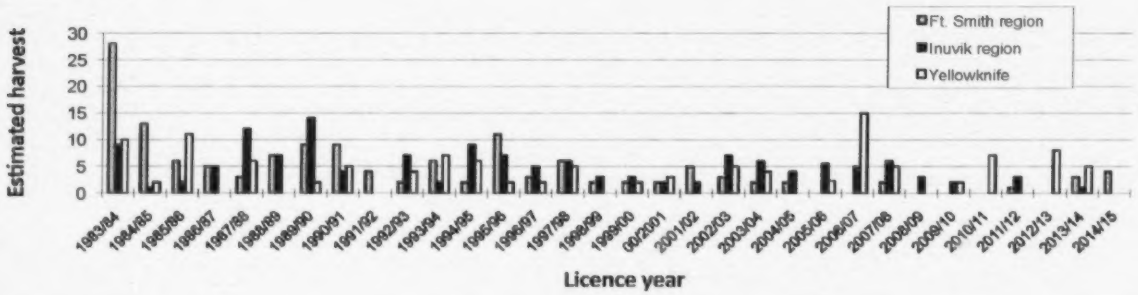



**Dall's Sheep**




## SUMMARY OF HUNTING REGULATIONS

### General Prohibitions

**No one may chase, harass or molest wildlife.**

Anyone who wounds wildlife shall make every reasonable effort to retrieve it and, if it is alive, to kill it.

**It is an offence to waste, destroy, abandon or allow to spoil the following edible parts:**

- Backstraps, hindquarters above the knee, front quarters above the knee, tenderloins, rib meat and neck meat for bison, caribou (all types), deer (all types), elk, moose and muskox.
- Excluding rib meat, the same edible parts apply to mountain goat and Dall's sheep.
- Breast meat for migratory game birds and upland game birds.
- The edible parts of a bear, beaver or muskrat when harvested for meat.

Meat contaminated by gut content and shot damaged parts of the carcass may be cut away and left behind. Shot damaged means:

a) meat that has been torn by the shot or by bone broken by the shot; or
b) meat that has become blood-clotted as a result of the shot.

**No one shall hunt wildlife with a device that is in an unsafe condition, discharge a firearm from, along or across a public road or without due regard for the safety of other people and property. When harvesting wildlife no person can have poison, explosives or explosive projectiles, tracer ammunition, set guns or automatic weapons.**

The rules of hunting are designed to ensure that people hunt safely and that wildlife will be conserved for future generations. Should an individual be convicted of an offence, he or she could receive a fine and/or a jail sentence for each offence and for each day that the offence continues. Firearms, equipment and wildlife seized from the person could be ordered forfeit and the person's licence could be suspended or cancelled.

### Bow Hunting

Bow hunting is permitted in the NWT and is subject to the same regulations as hunting with a firearm. Draw weight must be at least 20 kg at 700 mm draw. Arrows must have a broadhead point width of at least 25 mm at the widest point or a barbless three-bladed bodkin head. Crossbows may be used for hunting in the NWT. Draw weight must be at least 68 kg at 700 mm draw and have a bolt weight of 16.2 g or have a bolt with a 2.2 cm diameter cutting broadhead.

### Use of Aircraft

If you are flying in Muskox (S/MX/01) and Caribou (R/BC/01) Management Areas, you must wait 12 hours after landing before hunting. If you are flying within the Outfitter Areas in the Mackenzie Mountains, you must wait 12 hours after landing before

hunting any big game. This is to prevent aircraft from giving hunters more than a sporting chance. It does not stop licensed outfitters from making preparations for the hunt.

### Evidence of Sex

Where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex: for caribou, muskox and wood bison, the testicles or scrotum; for moose, the head, testicles or scrotum; for Dall's sheep, the horns must remain attached to the head and the eye sockets must be intact; and for polar bear and grizzly bears, the baculum.

### Where to Attach Tags

Remember that tags are your authority to possess game. They must be attached as soon as you have killed your animal and remain attached until it is consumed or processed. Tags cannot be reused.

Residents are issued one tag for every animal they intend to hunt. This tag must be attached to the carcass of any big game killed except muskox, bear, wolf and wolverine. For these four species, the tag must be attached to the hide.

Non-residents and non-resident aliens are issued two identically numbered tags for each animal they intend to hunt. One tag must be attached to the carcass and the other to the horns, antlers, head or cape. However, for muskox, bear, wolf and wolverine only one tag is issued and must be attached to the hide of the animal they kill.

Anyone who shoots a Dall's sheep must take the head to a Renewable Resource Officer to have a plug inserted into the horns if they intend to export the head from the NWT.

### Tagged or Collared Animals

To better manage our resources, certain species of big game are being monitored and may be tagged or wearing a radio collar. Although it is not illegal to shoot them, please try to avoid shooting these animals when possible. If an animal taken is wearing a radio collar or ear tag, we ask that you return these to the local Renewable Resource Officer. We ask that you report any sightings to the nearest Renewable Resource Officer, giving them any information they may require such as the condition of the animal, location, etc. For a list of animals currently being studied, please check with a Renewable Resource Officer prior to your hunt.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources may request a small tissue or hide sample from harvested wildlife in some areas. Your cooperation is appreciated while these studies are being conducted.

### Diseased or Scavenged Animals

Although most wild animals are healthy, diseases and parasites can occur in any wildlife population. Some diseases, such as rabies in foxes and brucellosis in caribou, occur regularly in the NWT. Parasites, such as tapeworm cysts and sarcocystis in meat and hydatid cysts in lungs, are not uncommon in big game species. Some of these diseases can infect domestic animals or humans.

If a harvester has reasonable grounds to believe that harvested game is diseased and wishes to leave the game in the field, or the game has become inedible due to a scavenger, the harvester must:

- Where applicable, attach a tag to the big game if it is reasonably practicable to do so, or seal a tag if it is not reasonably practicable to attach it;
- Report to a Renewable Resource Officer, as soon as practicable, the location of the harvested big game or wildlife and the grounds for the harvester's belief that the big game or wildlife is inedible; and
- Act in accordance with the directions of the Renewable Resource Officer.

If you do shoot a sick animal take the following precautions: do not cut into diseased parts; wash your hands and knives when finished butchering; and do not feed the meat or organs of infected animals to dogs. Take samples and notes from the sick animal and report to the nearest Renewable Resource Officer.

Regardless of harvest, please report all observations of diseased wildlife to the nearest Renewable Resource Officer. They are the only ones authorized to dispose of diseased animals.

### Problem Bears

In the Northwest Territories, it is legal to shoot a bear in self-defence when life or property is threatened. You must report the kill to a Renewable Resource Officer as soon as possible and provide an explanation of the incident, the date and location of the incident, and any other information requested by an Officer. You may not keep any part of a bear killed in self-defence. You can report incidents by calling 1-866-762-2437.

### Caching

A hunter may temporarily leave harvested game on the land. Cached game meat must be protected from being disturbed by other animals or the environment. The harvester must mark the cache with the name of the harvester, licence number or identification number, and signature. You should return to retrieve your meat as soon as possible to prevent wastage.

### Reporting Vehicle Collisions

If you accidentally kill or seriously wound any big game with a vehicle, you must report the incident to a Renewable Resource Officer within 24 hours. You must provide the name of the person who killed or seriously wounded the wildlife, an explanation of the incident, the time, date and location of the incident, the species and quantity involved, and any other information requested by an Officer. You may also report incidents by calling 1-866-762-2437.

## Muskox Tag Allocations

**Muskox Draws**

Muskox tags are available to residents for Muskox Wildlife Management Area S/MX/01 and U/MX/01 through a yearly draw. Applications for the yearly draw are available after April 1 from the local ENR office. Applications must be postmarked before May 15 and received before the draw date. The draw will be held each year before June 1. Tags will not be awarded to a person that has received a tag for any of the previous four seasons. For more information, please contact the local Renewable Resource Officer.

## Wood Bison Tag Allocations

**Bison in Management Unit U**

Resident hunters with a current NWT bison tag are eligible to harvest one bison (either sex) in Management Unit U.

Harvesters have to carry their bison tag while hunting and it is mandatory that a harvest report is submitted to ENR regardless of success.

**Wood Bison in Management Area D/WB/05**

Resident hunters with a current wood bison tag are eligible to harvest one bison (male only) in Management Area D/WB/05.

Annually, there are seven wood bison tags available to GHL/resident hunters at local First Nations Acho Dene Koe Band (Fort Liard) and Nahanni Butte Dene Band (Nahanni Butte).

Harvesters will require written approval from a local First Nation and must carry their wood bison tag while hunting a male bison in this management area.

Please remember to report your bison harvest to a local ENR office.

See page 23 for more information.

## Possession of Wildlife

Licenced hunters are entitled to possess all the meat and wildlife parts they legally harvest. Resident, non-resident and non-resident alien hunters must keep their tags and licence as proof of legal possession until all meat is consumed. Resident, non-resident and non-resident alien hunters may not sell their meat without a permit or commercial tag. All hunters can sell, trade or gift the inedible parts of wildlife that they have lawfully harvested under the authority of a licence.

Any person may receive a gift of meat of wildlife from a person who lawfully harvested it. Where a gift of meat weighs 5 kg or more, the recipient must ensure that the meat is labelled or get a receipt indicating the:

- Harvester name;
- Licence number or identification number of the harvester, or the name of the local harvesting committee or Aboriginal organization in which the harvester is a member;
- Signature of the harvester;
- Date of the transaction;
- Species of game the meat came from; and
- Weight of the meat.

The provisions of the land claim agreements govern the exchange of meat and wildlife parts by land claim beneficiaries.

# EXPORTING WILDLIFE FROM THE NWT

All non-resident and non-resident alien hunters must obtain an export permit before exporting meat or any part of big game. Resident hunters do not require an export permit to export wildlife they have legally harvested. Gifts of meat require an export permit if they exceed 10 kg. Anyone exporting wildlife is encouraged to check the requirement of the jurisdiction the wildlife is being exported into as an export permit may be required by the receiving jurisdiction. Wildlife parts must be presented for inspection when the export permit is being obtained. Permits will not be issued after the items have been exported.

There is no fee for an export permit. However, non-resident and non-resident alien hunters are required to pay a harvest fee when big game has been successfully harvested regardless of export.

Certification is required before exporting Dall's sheep horns from the NWT. Other species that may require certification are: birds of prey, bison, grizzly bear, polar bear and muskox.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) was established to control the import and export of species that are considered to be rare or endangered. A CITES permit is required for all parts of the following big game species leaving Canada: grizzly bears, black bears, polar bears, wood bison and wolf. You must have a CITES permit for these harvested animals before you leave Canada. Many countries have restrictions on the importation of certain species of wildlife. To avoid confiscation of items, check about regulations with a wildlife or customs agency of the country you plan to import into.

There are exemptions that allow an individual to export or import some tourist souvenir items acquired during the trip, if the item is part of the individual's clothing or accessories or personal accompanied baggage. The item must not be for commercial purposes and cannot be sold or disposed of within 90 days after the date of import or export.

CITES permits are available from any regional ENR office. It may take several days to obtain a CITES permit, so apply well in advance.

As CITES permits regulate the export of wildlife from Canada rather than the NWT, you may also need a wildlife export permit.

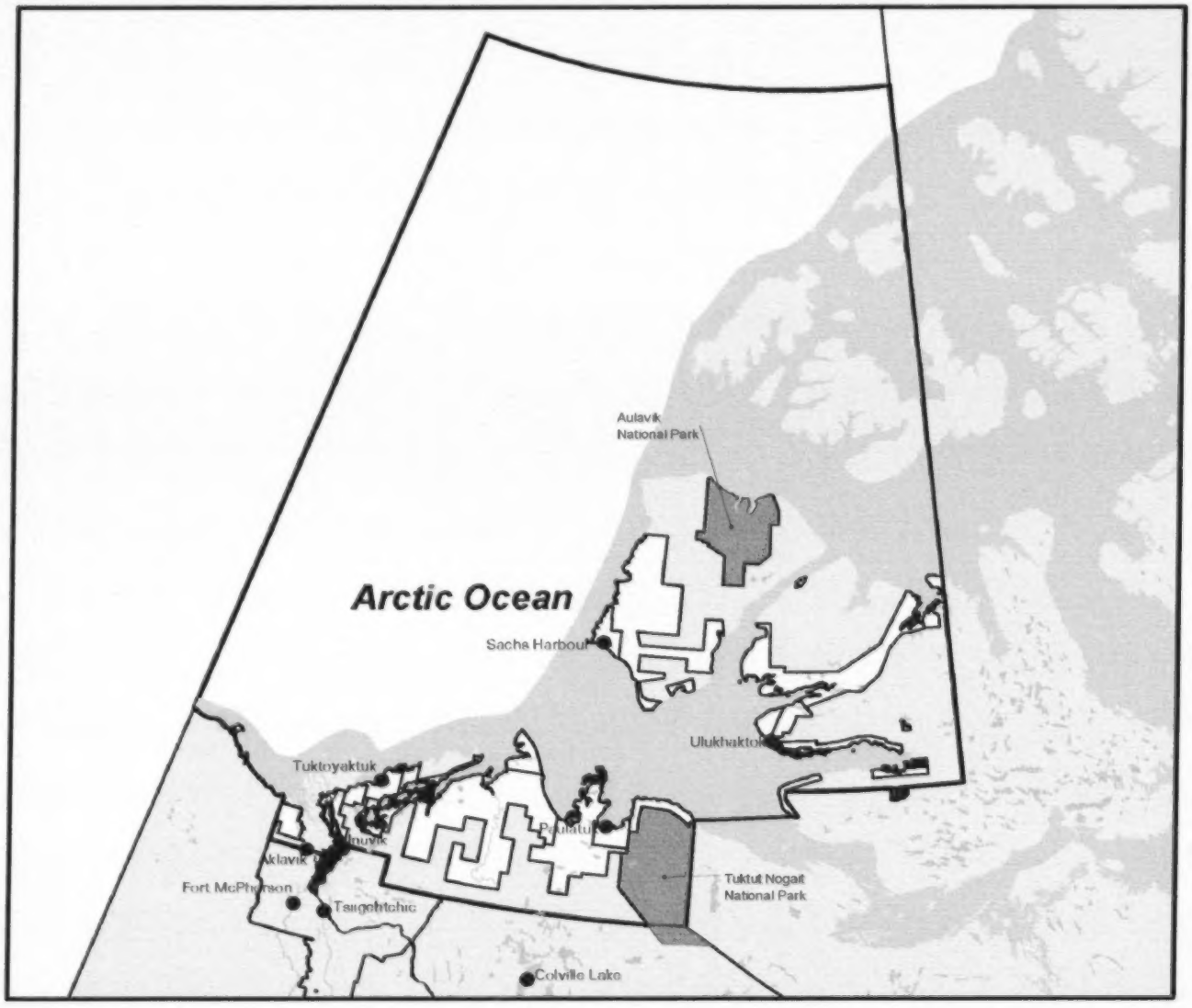
## Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR)

Hunting in the ISR is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Non-beneficiaries must ask permission before hunting on private lands within the ISR (see map below). Non-beneficiaries must receive permission from the local Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) before hunting grizzly bear, polar bear, black bear, muskox, wolf and wolverine anywhere within the ISR.

For further information, contact the Inuvialuit Land Administration at 867-977-7100, the applicable HTC office: **Aklavik** 867-978-2723, **Inuvik** 867-777-3671, **Olokhaktomiut (Ulukhaktok HTC)** 867-396-4808, **Paulatuk** 867-580-3004, **Sachs Harbour** 867-690-3028, or **Tuktoyaktuk** 867-977-2457, and/or your local Renewable Resource Officer in Inuvik (867-678-0289).

## Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the NWT

**All private lands in the ISR are shown in white.**



## Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA)

Hunting in the GSA is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA). Non-participants must ask permission before hunting on private lands within the GSA (see map below).

There are Special Harvesting Areas within the GSA that may also have additional terms and conditions. These areas are set out in Schedules V through VIII of the GCLCA.

For permission to hunt in the GSA, contact the applicable RRC: Ehdiitat (**Aklavik**) 867-978-2336, Tetlit (**Fort McPherson**) 867-952-2330, Nihtat (**Inuvik**) 867-777-6652, or Gwichya (**Tsiigehtchic**) 867-953-3608. For permission to access Gwich'in private lands in the GAS, contact the Gwich'in Tribal Council at 867-777-7900. For wildlife management questions in the GSA, contact the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board at 867-777-6600.

For further information on sport hunting in the GSA, contact the local Renewable Resource Officer in Inuvik (867-678-6650).

## Gwich'in Settlement Area in the NWT

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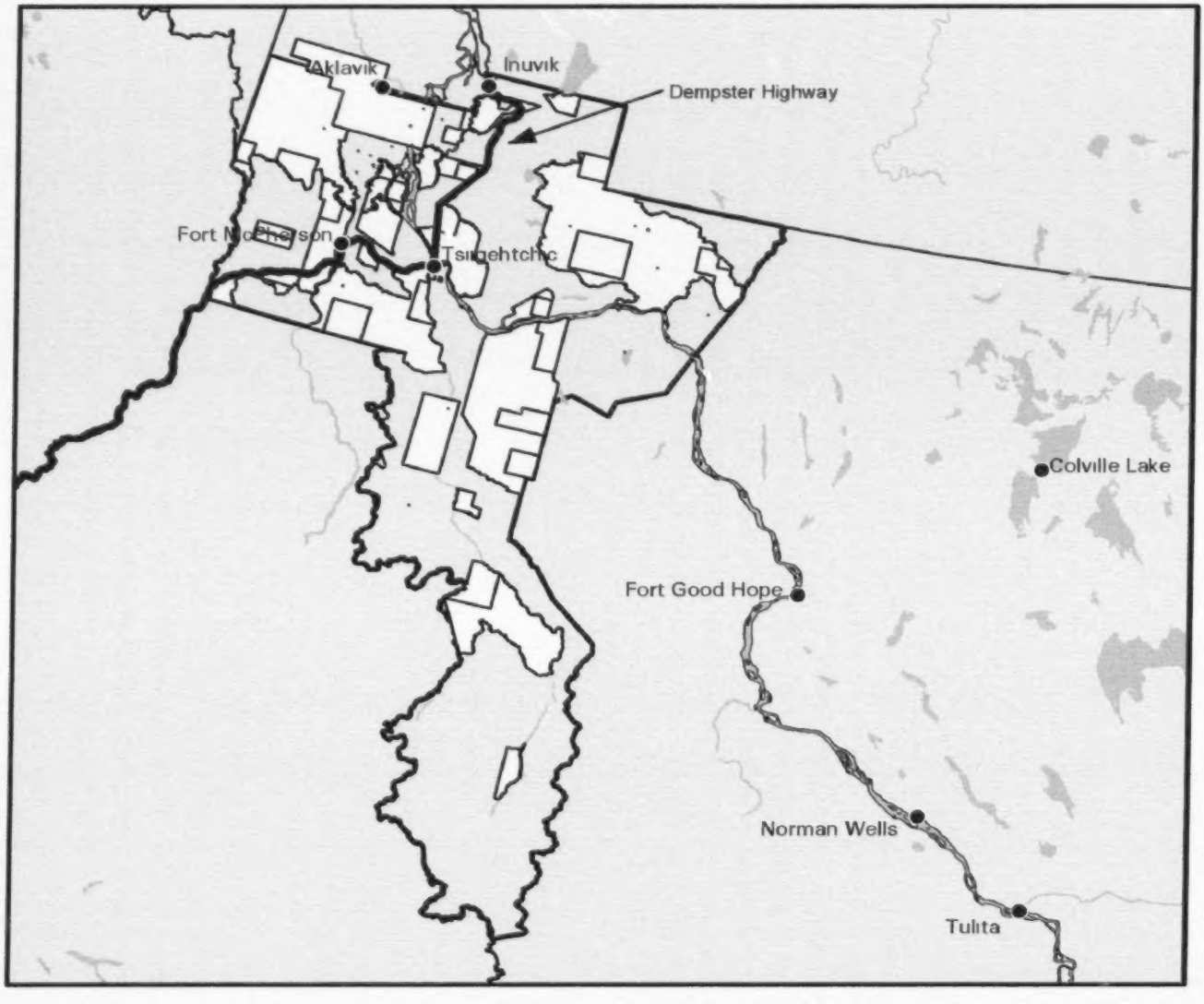


## Sahtù Settlement Area (SSA)

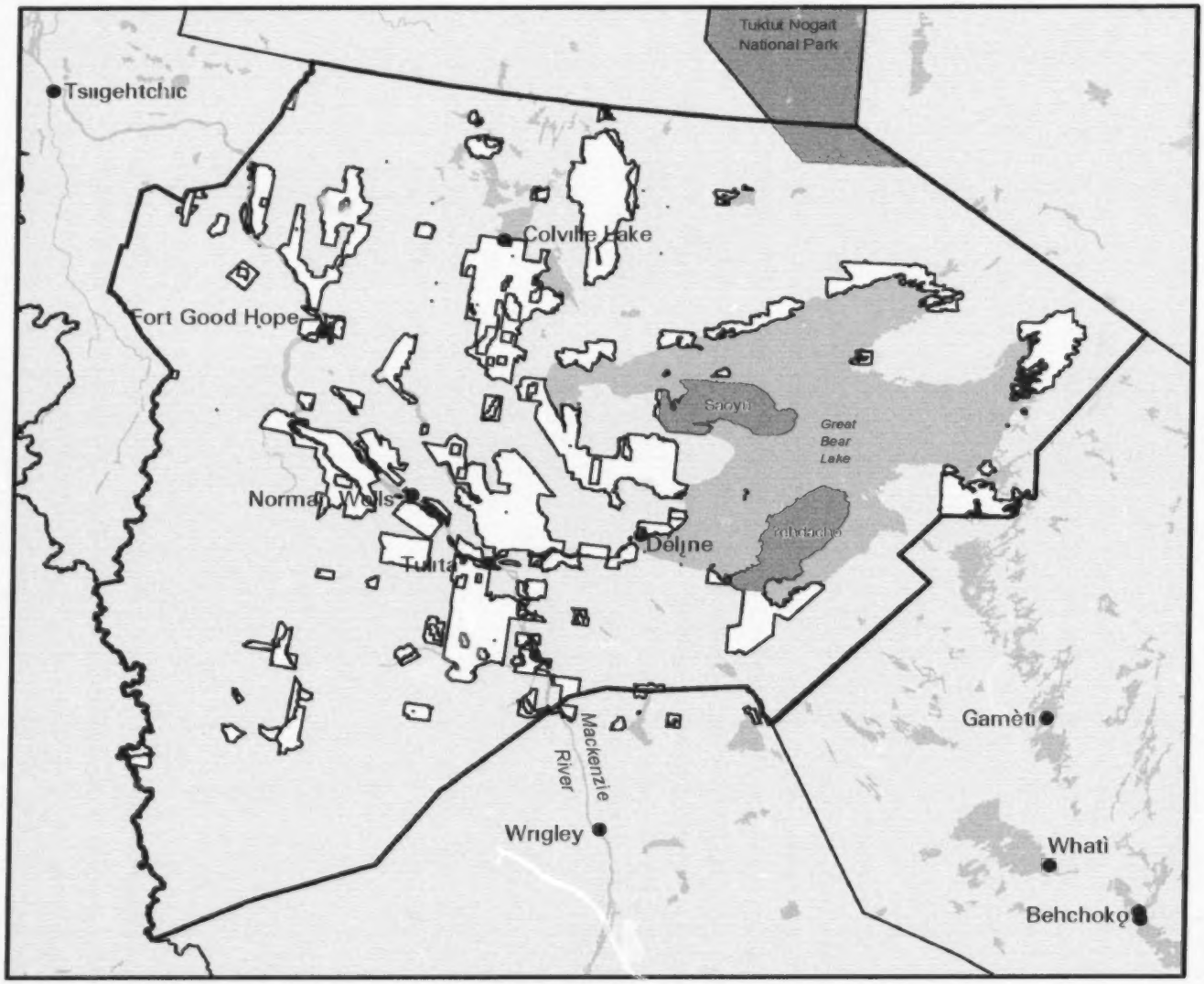
Hunting in the SSA is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Sahtù Dene-Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. Non-beneficiaries must ask permission before hunting on private lands within the SSA (see map below).

Please note that some of the islands in Great Bear Lake (Parcels 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 75, 89 and 90) do not show at the present map scale. Please visit the closest Renewable Resource Council or local ENR office for more detailed information of the area.

For further information or for permission to access Sahtù private lands, contact the applicable Land Corporation(s): **Norman Wells** (867-587-2455), **Déline** (867-589-8100), **Fort Good Hope** (867-598-2193), **Colville Lake** (867-709-2700) or **Tulita** (867-588-3734); the Sahtù Renewable Resources Board (867-588-4040); or the local Renewable Resource Officer in Norman Wells (867-587-3500).

## Sahtù Dene and Métis Settlement Area in the NWT

**All private lands in the SSA are shown in white.**



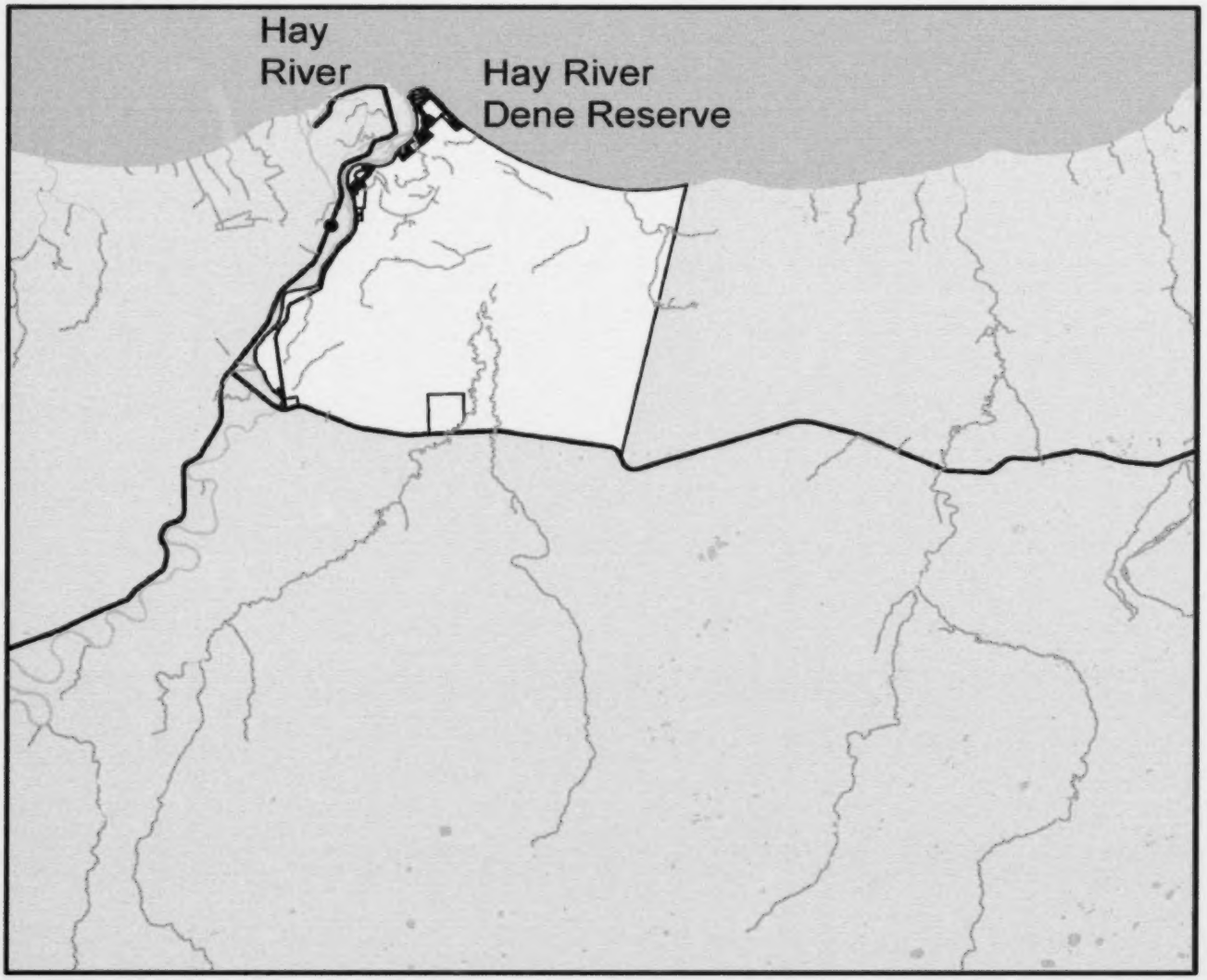
### Hay River Reserve

Provisions of the *Indian Act* apply to reserves and Indian Act bands may have established their own requirements applicable to hunting on reserves.

For further information, contact the K'atlodeeche First Nation (867-874-6701) and/or your local Renewable Resource Officer in **Hay River** (867-875-5550).

### Hay River Dene Reserve in the NWT

**All federally reserved lands in the HRDR are shown in white.**



## Salt River Reserve

Provisions of the *Indian Act* apply to reserves and Indian Act bands may have established their own requirements applicable to hunting on reserves.

For further information, contact the Salt River First Nation #195 (867-872-2986) and/or your local Renewable Resource Officer in **Fort Smith** (867-872-6400).

### Salt River First Nation Reserve and Salt Plains Indian Reserve No. 195 in the NWT

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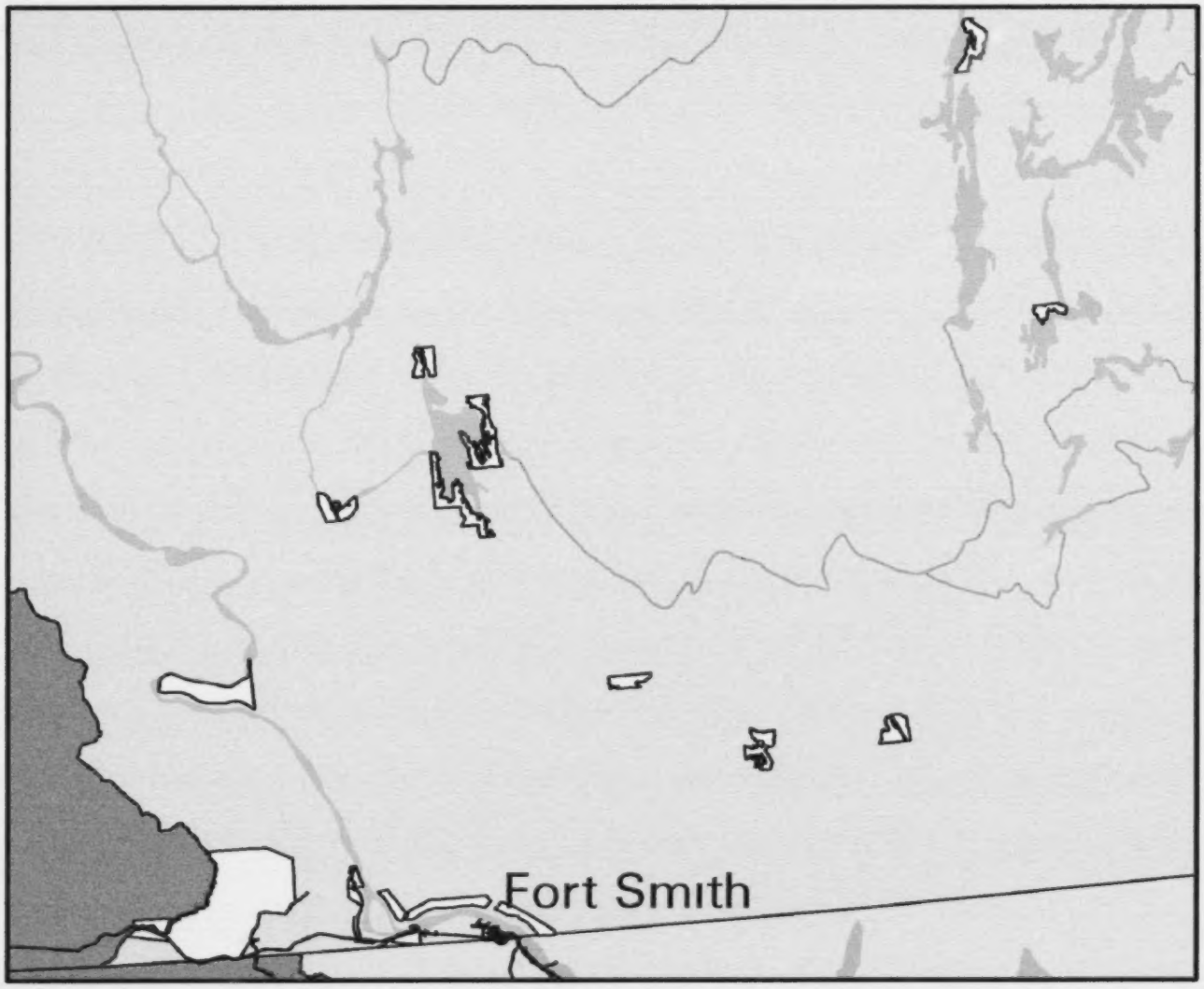

## Wek'èezhìı and Tłı̨chǫ Lands

Hunting in the Wek'èezhìı Management Area and on Tłı̨chǫ Lands is subject to terms and conditions in accordance with the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement.

For further information, contact the Lands Protection Department of the Tłı̨chǫ Government (867-392-6389) or the Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board (867-873-5740) and/or your local Renewable Resource Officer in Behchokǫ̀ (867-392-6511).

## Tłı̨chǫ Wek'èezhìı Management Area in the NWT

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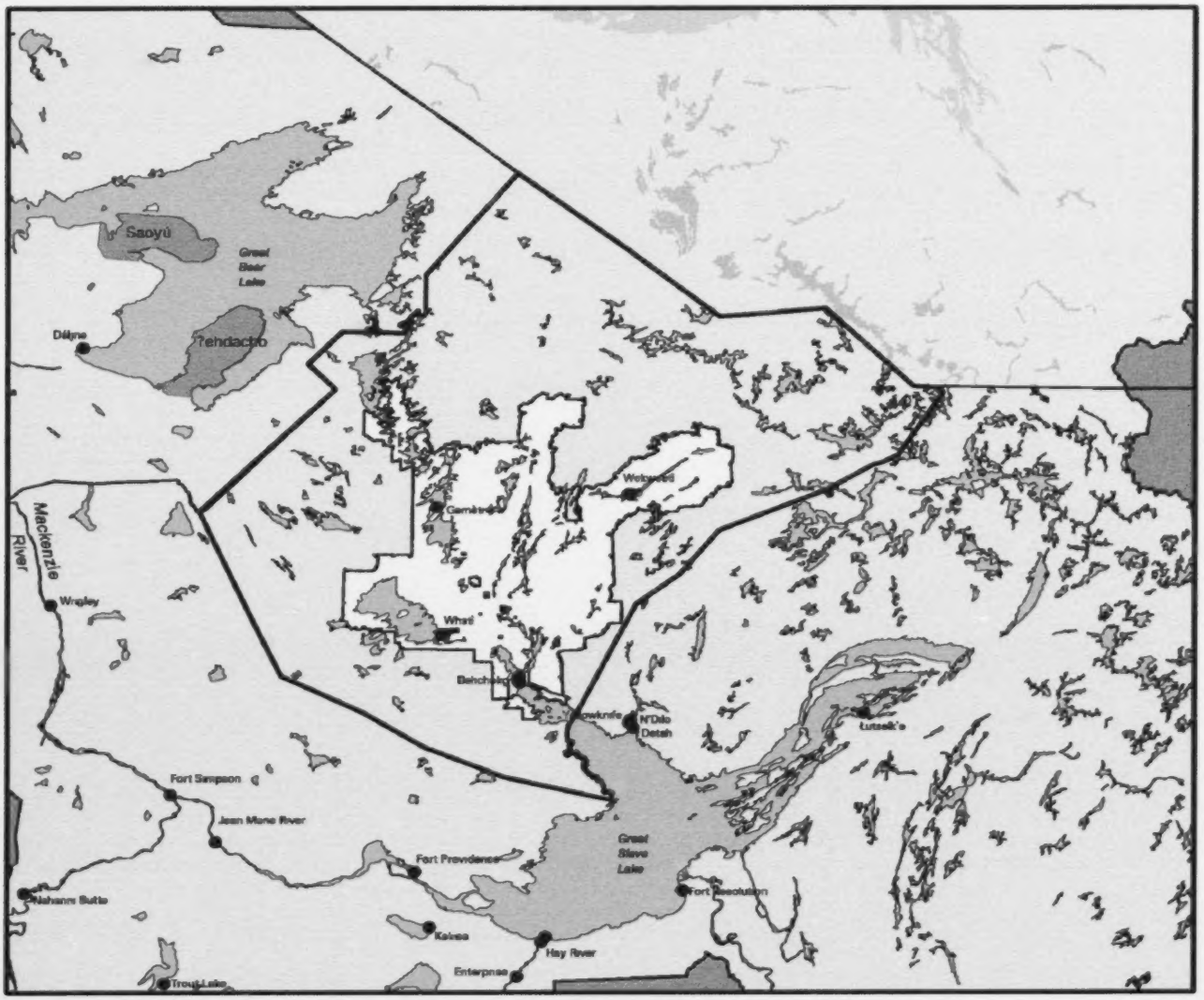


### Ingraham Trail Development Area

The Department of Lands has established an area along the Ingraham Trail in which the discharge of a firearm is prohibited within 1.5 km of either side of the centre line. This is in effect year round.

This area was created to afford leaseholders and people enjoying recreational activity protection from firearm use. For details regarding this area, please contact the North Slave ENR Office (see Contact Information).

## SANCTUARIES AND PARKS

### Territorial Parks

Hunting is not permitted within territorial parks in the NWT.

### National Parks, Park Reserves and Protected National Historic Sites

As prescribed in federal legislation, residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens are not permitted to hunt in the national parks and national park reserves of the NWT.

National Parks: Wood Buffalo, Tuktut Nogait, Aulavik

National Park Reserves: Nahanni, Nááts'ihch'oh

Protected National Historic Sites: Saoyú and ?ehdacho

For more information, please visit
http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-82-263.pdf and
http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-81-613.pdf

### Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

The hunting of migratory birds is not permitted in migratory bird sanctuaries. For a list of federal Migratory Bird Sanctuaries and regulations pertaining to them, contact:
Canadian Wildlife Service
5019 - 52nd Street
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7
Office: (867) 669-4765 or 1-800-668-6767
Fax: (867) 873-6776

or visit their web page: www.ec.gc.ca

## MIGRATORY BIRDS *CONVENTION ACT*

To hunt migratory birds (ducks, geese, coots, rails or snipe), you must first obtain a Migratory Game Bird Permit and a Habitat Conservation Stamp. These are available from any Canada Post office or online at www.permis-permits.ec.gc.ca. Information on seasons, bag limits and fees is available from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) or outlined in a brochure that can be obtained from a post office. This information can be found on the Environment and Climate Change Canada website: www.ec.gc.ca.

## SPRING SEASON FOR SNOW AND ROSS GEESE

There is currently a spring hunting season for Snow and Ross geese in effect in the NWT because they have been classified as 'over-abundant'. Non-beneficiaries are required to possess a valid 2015-2016 Migratory Game Bird Permit and Habitat Conservation Stamp to hunt during the spring season. Seasons and bag limit information is available in the hunting brochure available through post offices or at www.ec.gc.ca.

## FIREARMS INFORMATION

Requirements for firearm licences and registration are governed by the federal *Firearms Act*. Check with the Canadian Firearms Centre (1-800-731-4000) or www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca for more information.

### Firearms and Ammunition

When hunting big game in the NWT, you must use a .222 or larger caliber ammunition to hunt wolf and wolverine. To hunt wood bison, ammunition must not be less than .30 caliber. When hunting polar bear, ammunition producing less than 2,800 joules of energy shall not be used. You may use a .243 or larger calibre to hunt other types of big game.

For the purpose of hunting big game, rim fire ammunition is illegal.

Ammunition containing non-expanding bullets, steel-jacketed bullets or tracer ammunition may not be used for hunting.

When hunting small game and migratory game birds, no one may use a shotgun that holds more than three shells in the magazine and firing chamber combined.

### Toxic Shot

In 1999, CWS implemented legislation that prohibits possession of anything but non-toxic shot for the purpose of hunting migratory game birds. For more information, contact CWS or your local ENR office, or visit the CWS website: www.ec.gc.ca.

### Importation of Firearms

Certain firearms are classified as prohibited firearms and are not allowed into Canada. For a list of prohibited firearms and further information on the importation of firearms, contact the Canadian Border Services Agency, a Canadian Embassy, or:
Chief Firearms Officer
Alberta and Northwest Territories District Office
Suite 720, 10909 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 3L9
Phone: 1-800-731-4000
Fax: 780-495-7970

Or visit the Canadian Border Services Agency website at www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.

### Firearm Safety

Please remember firearms can be dangerous tools. Use the following tips to help you safely enjoy your hunting trip:

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- *Always control the muzzle of your firearm.*
- Be sure of your target and beyond, especially in low light conditions.
- Never shoot at a flat hard surface, including water.
- Never point a firearm at anything you don't want to shoot.
- Ensure all firearms are unloaded when transported.
- Never climb, run or jump with a loaded firearm.
- Lock up firearms and ammunition separately.
- Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions.
- Unload firearms when not in use.
- Avoid alcohol before and during a hunt.

### Basic Hunting Equipment Checklist

Experienced hunters often use a checklist to prepare for a hunting trip. This allows a hunter to efficiently prepare for a hunt and ensure no gear is forgotten. Below is an example of a basic checklist of essentials.

**Basic Hunting Equipment:**

- Survival kit
- Emergency first aid kit
- Hunting Licence and tags
- Firearm/bow
- Extra ammunition
- Firearm cleaning kit
- Sizeable pack
- Breathable game bags (cheesecloth)
- Binoculars/spotting scope
- Map, compass and GPS
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Duct tape
- Radio or phone communications
- Personal Emergency Location Transmitter
- Whistle
- Rope
- Sharp skinning knife and camp knife
- Axe/folding saw
- Fire-starter/flint/matches
- Cold weather and rain gear
- Long underwear
- Hiking/winter boots
- Single burner stove and fuel
- Water
- Food for length of trip and extra

* This checklist contains basic gear recommendations for any hunting trip. Each hunter should adapt this list to fit their specific hunting trip, which may include further gear requirements (i.e. sleeping bag, tent). This list is not meant to be exhaustive or complete.

## HOW TO USE THE HUNTING TABLES AND MAPS

All maps included in this brochure are for reference purposes only; they are **not** legal documents. More detailed topographical maps can be purchased from:
Centre for Topographic Information
Natural Resources Canada, Customer Support Group
2144 King Street West, Suite 010, Sherbrooke, QC J1J 2E8
Phone: 1-800-661-2638 or 1-819-564-4857
Fax: 1-819-564-5698
E-mail: geoginfo@NRCan.gc.ca

Boreal Books
P.O. Box 1220, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
Phone: 1-867-777-2198
Fax: 1-867-777-2628
E-mail: manager@borealbooks.com

MSS Ltd.
P.O. Box 4623, Hay River, NT X0E 0R6
Phone: 1-888-397-0886 or 1-867-874-6337
Fax: 1-800-661-0886 or 1-867-874-3866
E-mail: contact@mssltd.com
Website: http://www.mmsltd.com

Holders of resident, non-resident and non-resident alien hunting licences are prohibited from hunting in any territorial parks, national parks or park reserves. Only some small game species are protected in a wildlife sanctuary or preserve. All protected areas are shaded dark grey on the Wildlife Management Zone Map (see page 18). Protected areas are shaded dark grey on the species specific Wildlife Management Area Maps when you cannot harvest there. Hunting regulations are changing in new protected areas.

The NWT is divided into wildlife management zones. The maps on pages 18 and 19 of this booklet outline these units represented by the letters D, G, I, R, S and U.

Within the wildlife management zones, species management areas for certain animals are represented by a two-letter code and two-digit number:

- PB polar bear
- GB grizzly bear
- WB wood bison
- BC barren-ground caribou
- MX muskox
- WF wolf
- WV wolverine

Maps of the hunting areas for different species in the wildlife management zones are also illustrated.

Examples of how to interpret the coding of the different hunting area names:

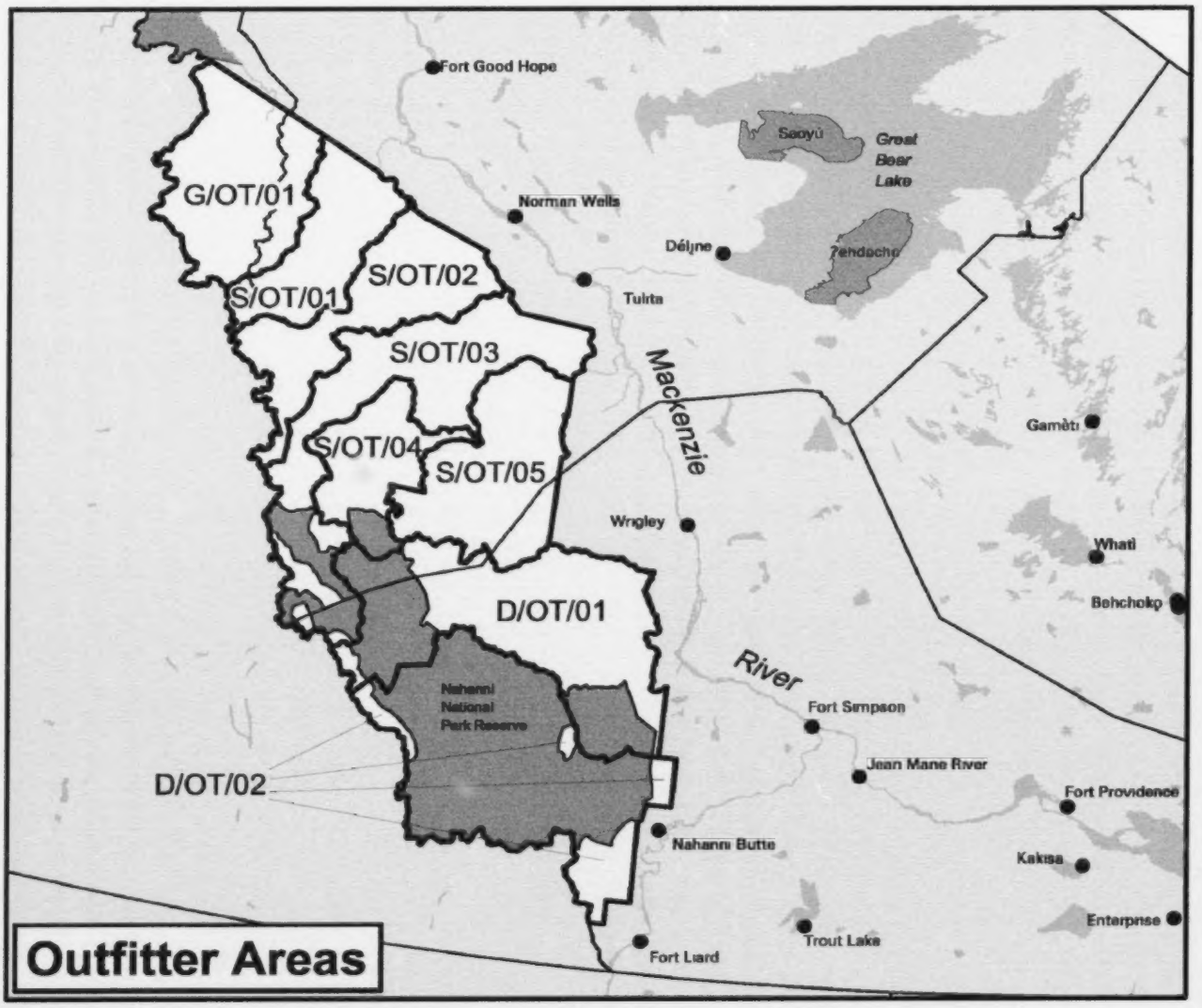
| | |
|---|---|
| D | Hunting is allowed in all of zone D for the specific animal |
| I/MX/01-04 | Muskox hunting is allowed in areas 01, 02, 03 and 04 of unit I |
| G/OT/01 | Outfitter hunting is allowed in area 01 in zone G |

## OUTFITTERS MANAGEMENT AREA MAP

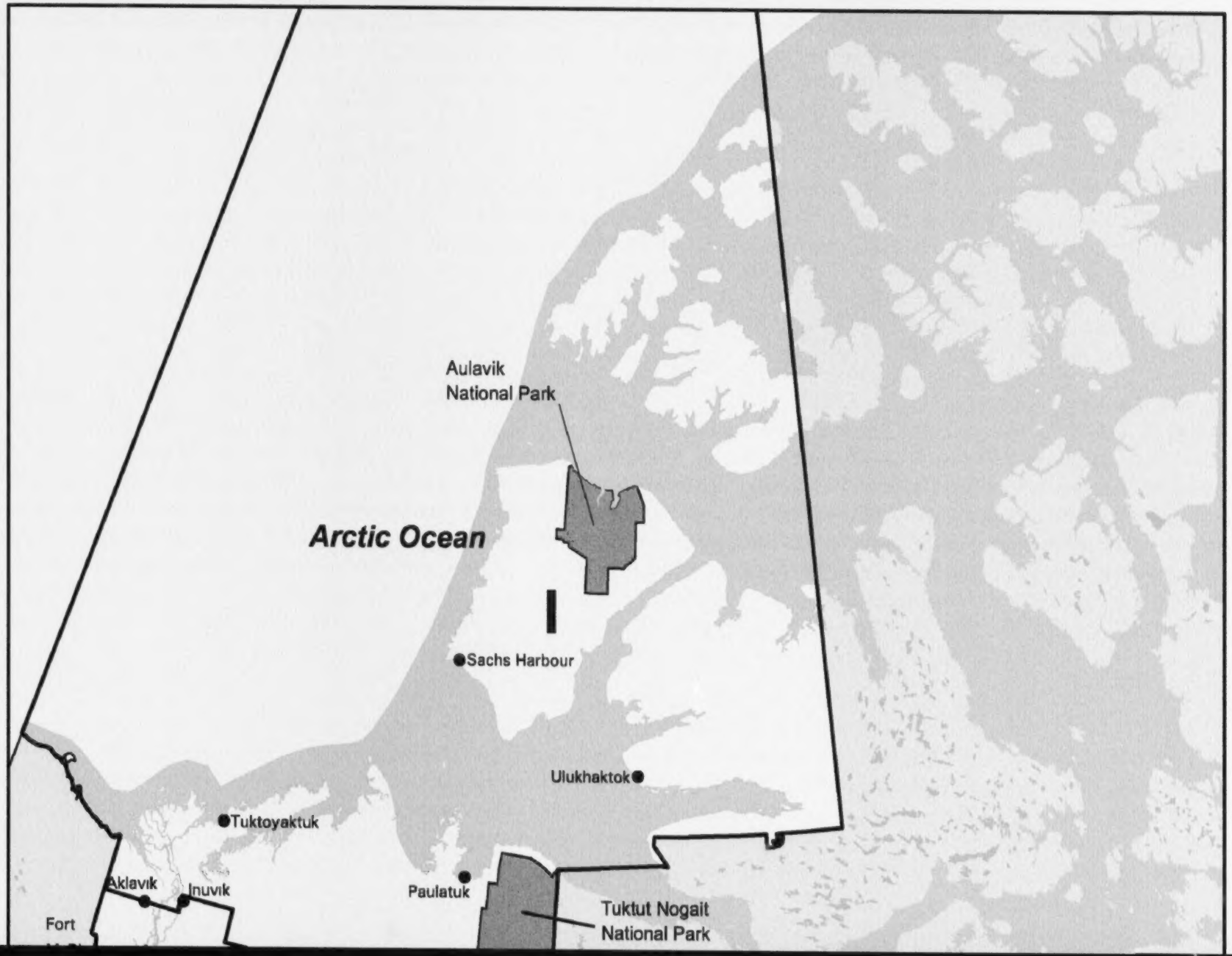
In the Mackenzie Mountains in wildlife management zones D, G and S, there are eight hunting areas referred to as outfitter areas. These management areas are represented by the wildlife management area letter, followed by the two-letter code OT and a two-digit number. Similar to all other hunting areas in the NWT, **resident hunters do not require an outfitter to hunt** in these areas.

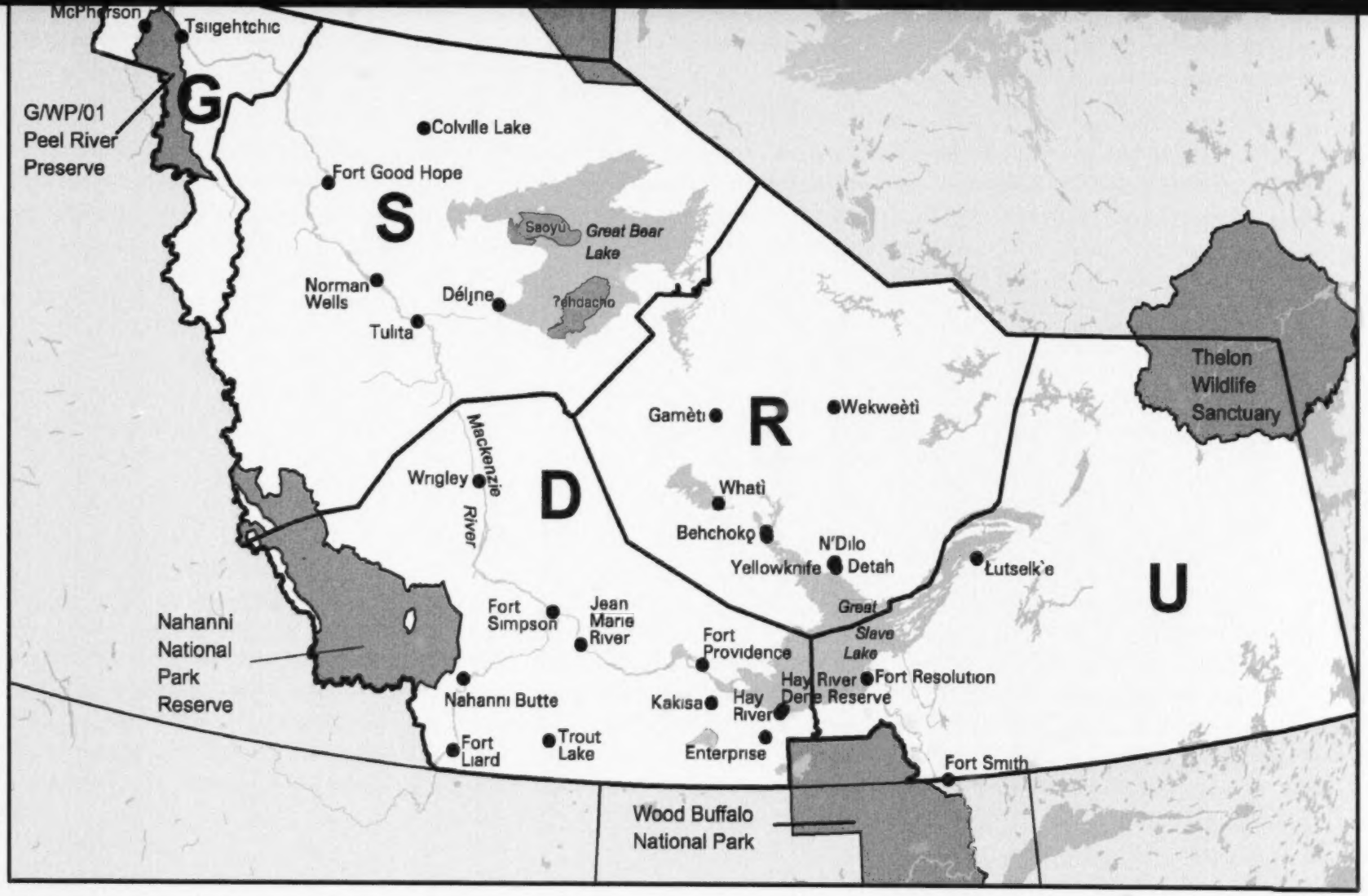
There is no outfitted hunting permitted within the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

This map shows the detailed outfitter areas in the NWT. These management areas apply to non-resident and non-resident alien hunters who plan to hunt black bear, grizzly bear, woodland caribou, mountain goat, moose, Dall's sheep, wolf and/or wolverine. Contact **NWT Tourism** for a list of licenced outfitters (see back page).



## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ZONES OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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Fort
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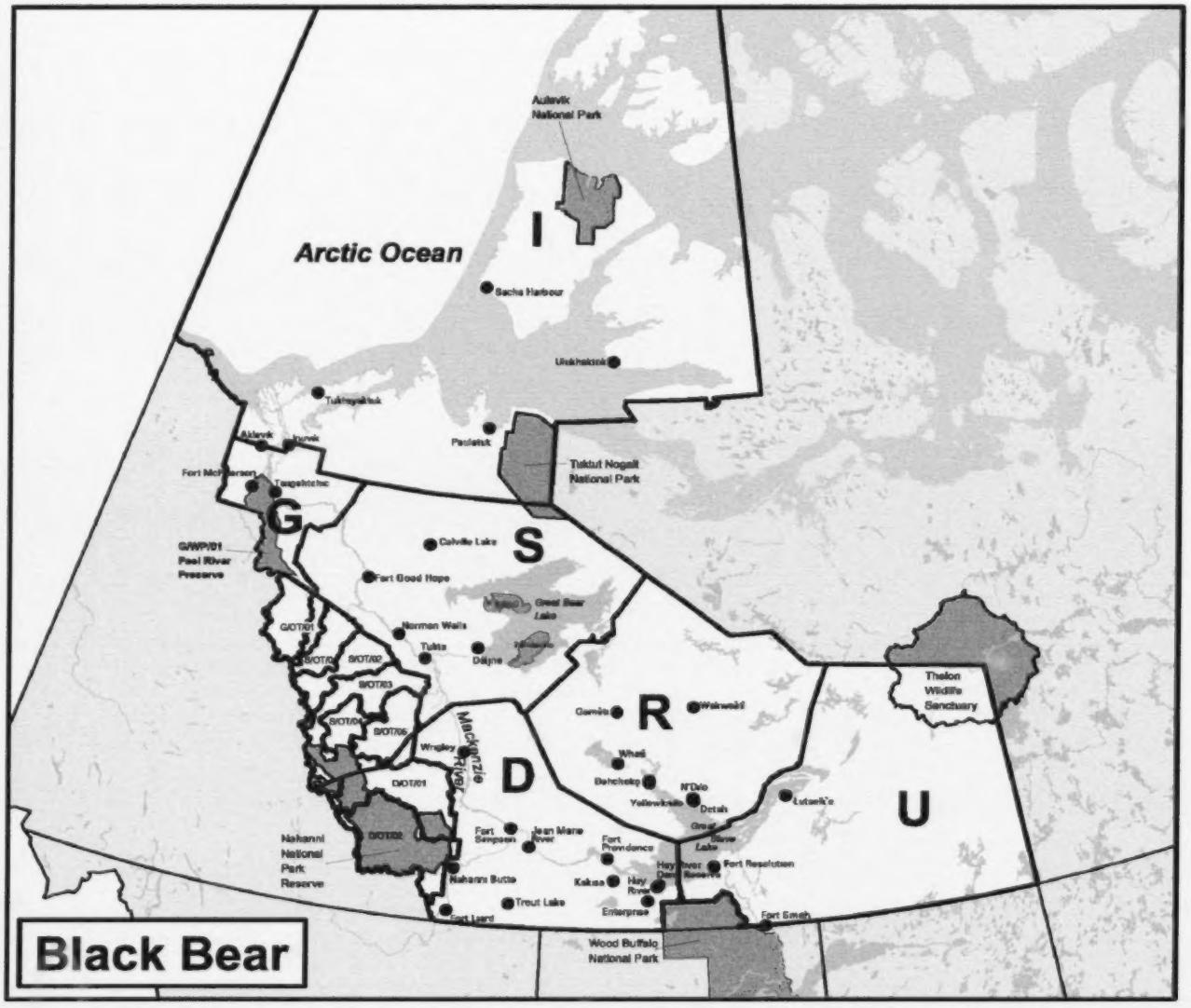
Trout
Lake
Enterprise
Fort Smith
Wood Buffalo
National Park

## BLACK BEAR

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | ALL HUNTERS one adult bear not accompanied by a cub[a] | 15 Aug – 30 June | D, G (except G/WP/01), I[b], R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 200.00 | | 15 Aug – 31 Oct | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 200.00 | | 15 Aug – 30 June | R, S, U |

[a] A black bear cub has a hide measuring less than 1.2 m from tip of the nose to the end of tail when fresh, and less than 1.6 m when stretched and dried.

[b] Non-beneficiaries must receive permission to hunt black bear anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR – see page 9.



## GRIZZLY BEAR

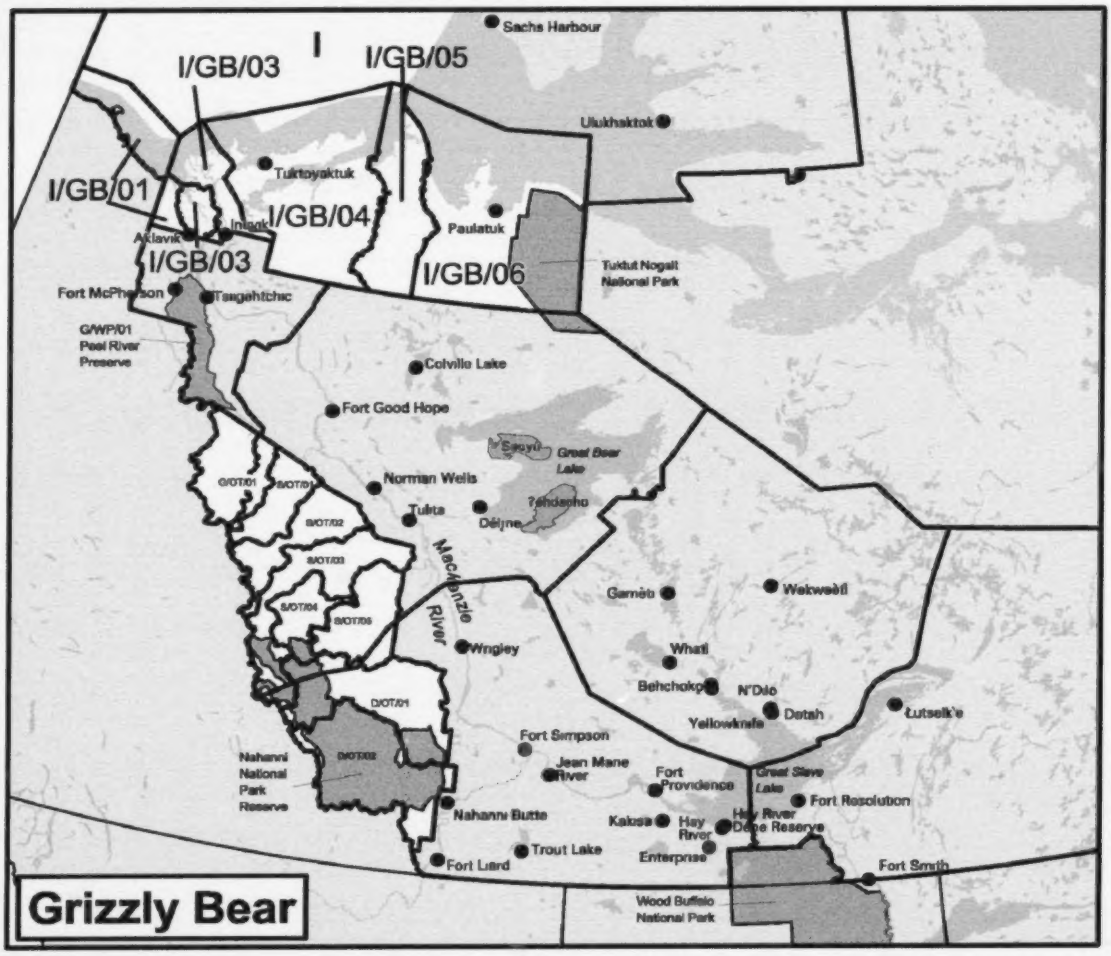
| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | [b]one adult bear not accompanied by a cub[a] or in a den (only one per lifetime of hunter) | 15 Aug – 31 Oct | D/OT/01–02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | [c]ALL HUNTERS any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub[a] or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held | ALL HUNTERS<br><br>31 Aug – 31 Oct and 15 Apr – 31 May<br><br>1 Sept – 31 May | ALL HUNTERS<br><br>I/GB/01[d], I/GB/02[d], I/GB/06[d]<br><br>I/GB/04[d], I/GB/05[d] |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 2000.00 | | | |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 2000.00 | | | |

[a] A grizzly bear cub has a hide measuring less than 1.4 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail when fresh, and less than 1.6 m when stretched and dried.

[b] If an unsuccessful resident grizzly bear tag holder fails to return their tag within 15 days after their hunt, they shall be deemed to have killed a bear and no further tags will be issued to that individual.

[c] All hunters who buy grizzly bear tags are asked to complete a questionnaire regardless of the hunt's outcome. Unsuccessful hunters must return unused tags immediately after the hunt.

[d] Non-beneficiaries must receive permission to hunt grizzly bear anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR – see page 9.



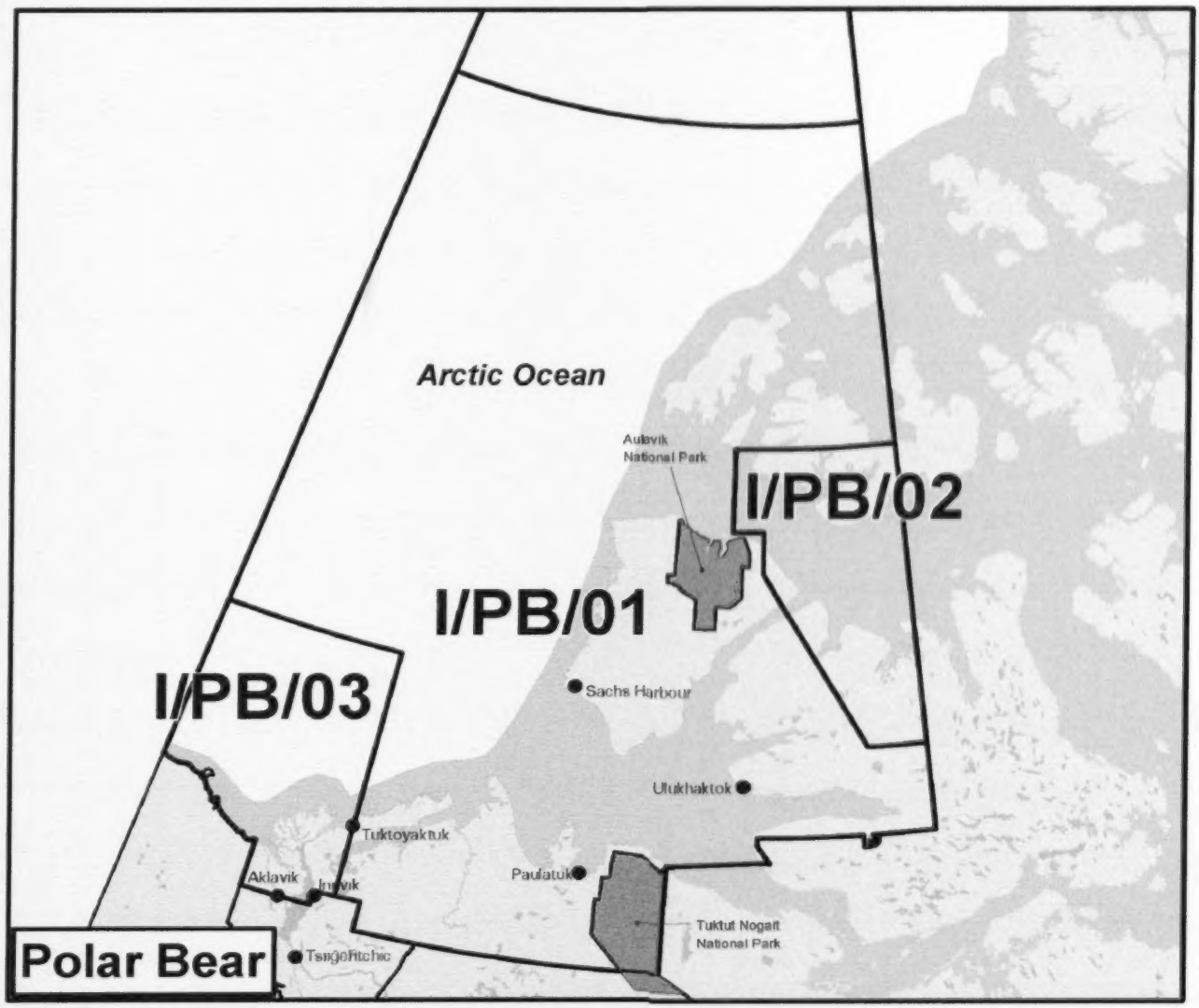
## POLAR BEAR

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | ALL HUNTERS any number of adult bears not accompanied by a cub[a] or in a den in accordance with the number of tags held | ALL HUNTERS | ALL HUNTERS |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 1500.00 | | 1 Oct – 31 May | I/PB/01[b] |
| | | | | 1 Jan – 31 May | I/PB/02[b] |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 1500.00 | | 1 Dec – 31 May | I/PB/03[b] |

- The holder of a hunting licence may only hunt polar bear by dog team or on foot. Ammunition and firearms for a hunt must meet prescribed requirements. A successful hunter must provide information on the date and location of the kill and turn in the lower jaw or undamaged post-canine tooth, evidence of sex and any lip tattoos and ear tags present. An unsuccessful hunter must return unused tags immediately after the hunt.

[a] In the ISR, a polar bear cub is defined as having a hide measuring less than 1.5 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail when fresh, and less than 1.8 m when stretched and dried.

[b] Non-beneficiaries must receive permission to hunt polar bear anywhere in the ISR and polar bear hunting boundaries are complex. Please contact the applicable offices in the ISR for more information and tag before starting the hunt – see page 9.

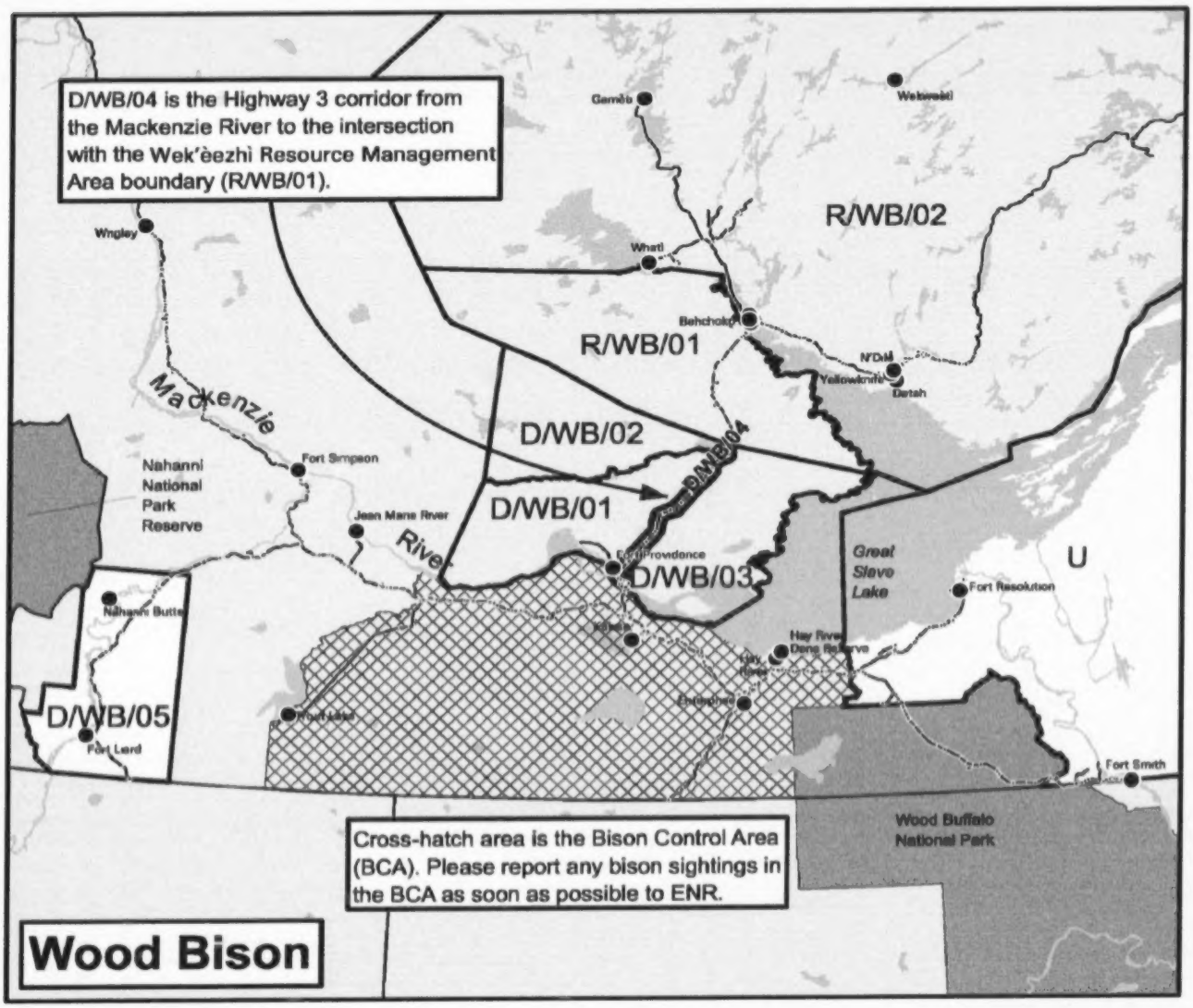


## WOOD BISON

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 100.00 | N/A | one | 1 Sept – 15 Mar | U[b] |
| Resident | 100.00 | N/A | one | 1 July – 30 Jun | D/WB/05[a] |

[a] Tag on a quota system; please contact the local ENR office for more information.
[b] Mandatory reporting of harvest to local ENR office.

Please note that where hunters are required to take males only, they must retain evidence of sex (testicles or scrotum).

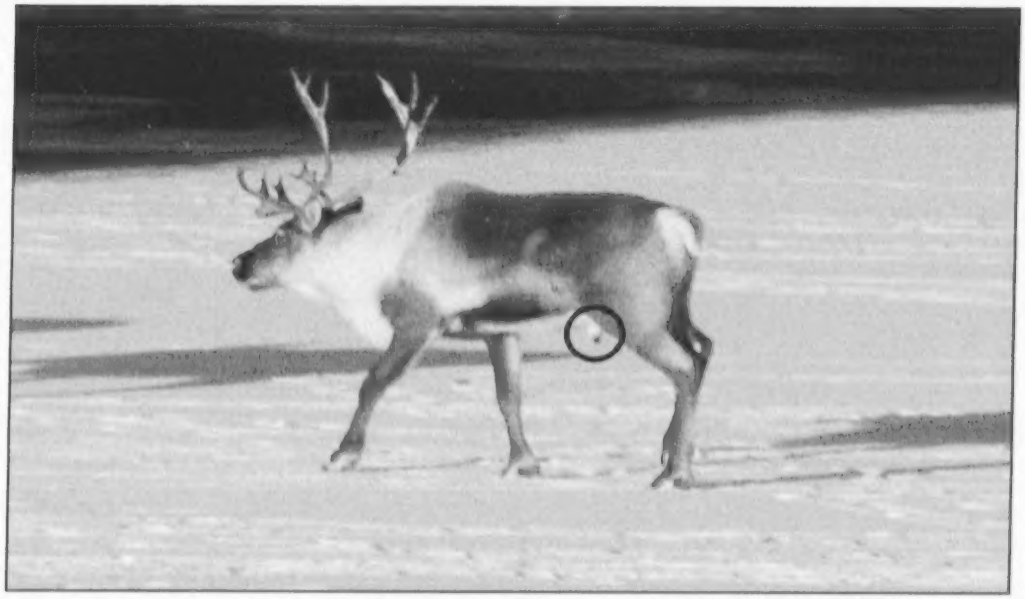


## BARREN-GROUND CARIBOU SEX IDENTIFICATION

### Can you tell the difference?

Female (Cow) – Photo: ENR Collection – John Nagy

A female (cow) caribou has a dark patch under her tail. This is the vulva.



Male (Bull) – Photo: ENR Collection – John Nagy

A mature male (bull) caribou has a penis sheath that can usually be seen from the side. Young males can be easily mistaken for cows. Check to make sure there is no dark patch under the tail.

### Don't be fooled by antlers!

Most bulls lose their antlers after the fall rut. If you see a caribou with antlers during the winter, it is probably a cow. Please use caution and check the sex organs before shooting.

If you can't tell the difference between a bull and a cow, please talk to an elder, an experienced hunter, your local Renewable Resource Officer or visit the ENR website at www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

## BARREN-GROUND CARIBOU

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 each tag | N/A | one (male only) | 15 Aug – 30 Apr | U/BC/01[a] |
| | | | two (male only) | 15 Aug – 30 Apr | G/BC/01 (except G/WP/01), I/BC/05 |
| | | | 0 | Closed | All other zones |

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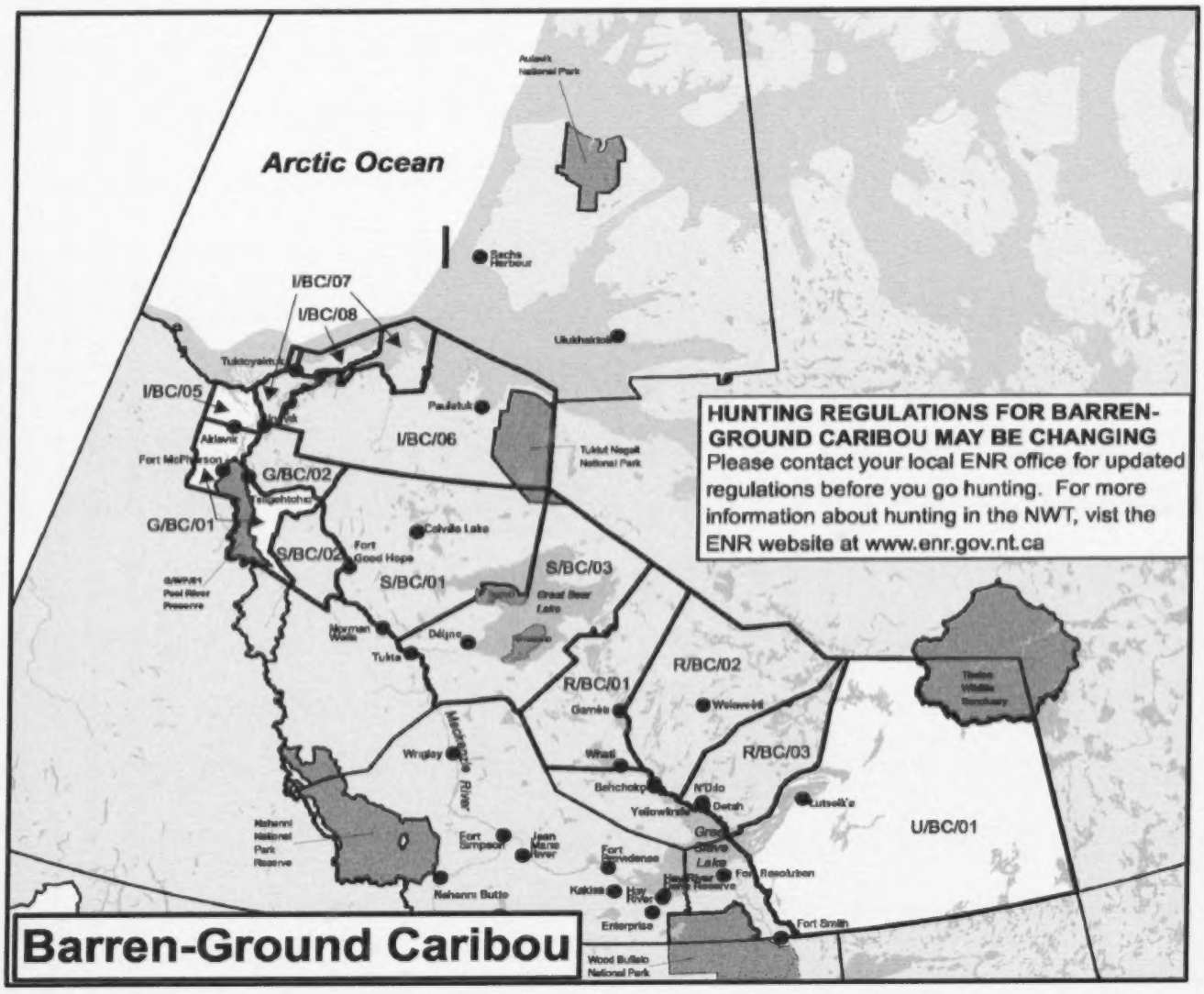

## DOLPHIN AND UNION CARIBOU

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 each tag | N/A | Two (male only) | 15 Aug – 15 Nov | I/DU/04[a] |
| Non-resident | 40.00 1st tag; additional tag 80.00 each | 300.00 | One or more in accordance with the number of tags held (male only) | 15 Aug – 31 Oct | 1/DU/04[a] |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 1st tag; additional tag 200.00 each | | | | |

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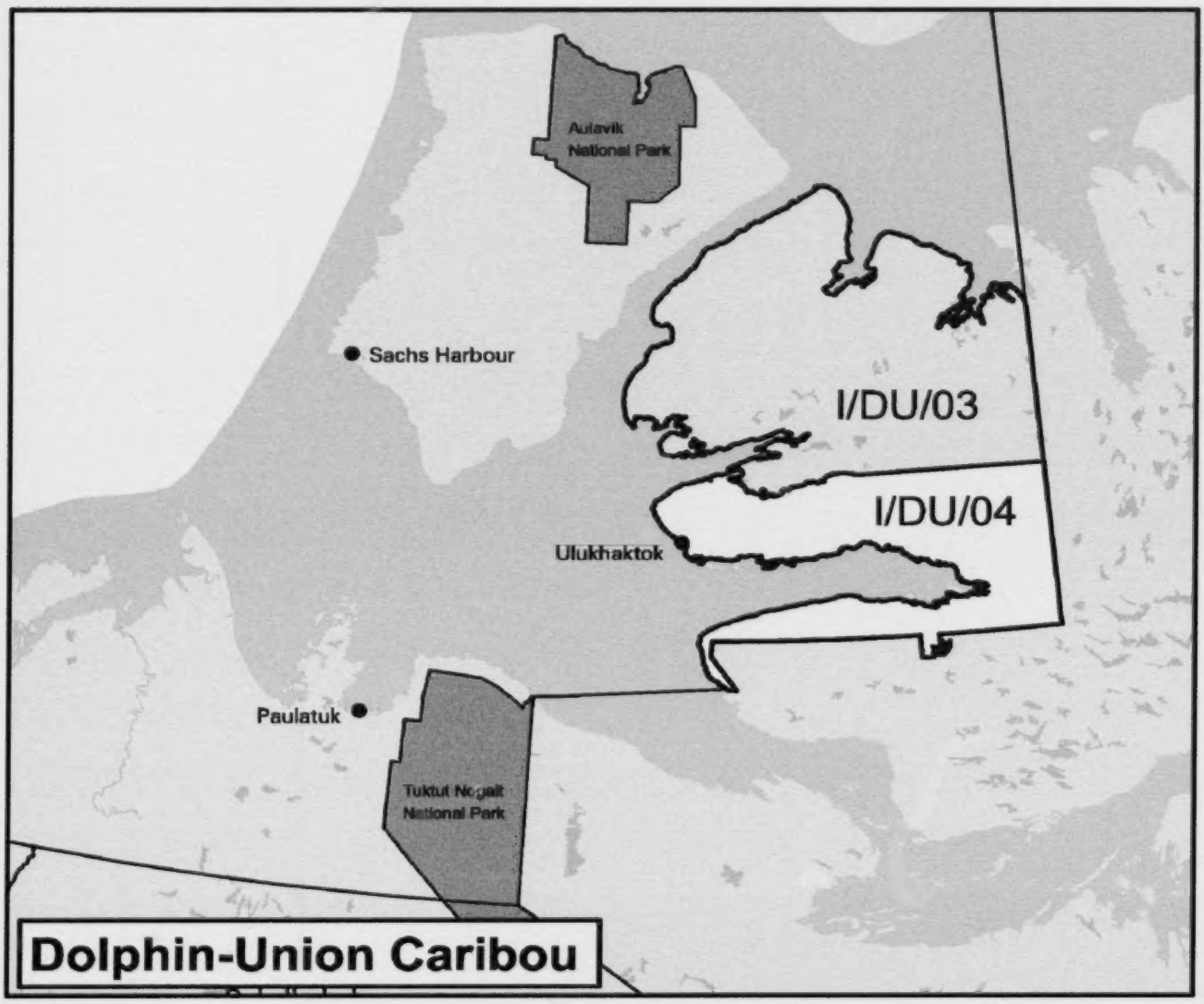
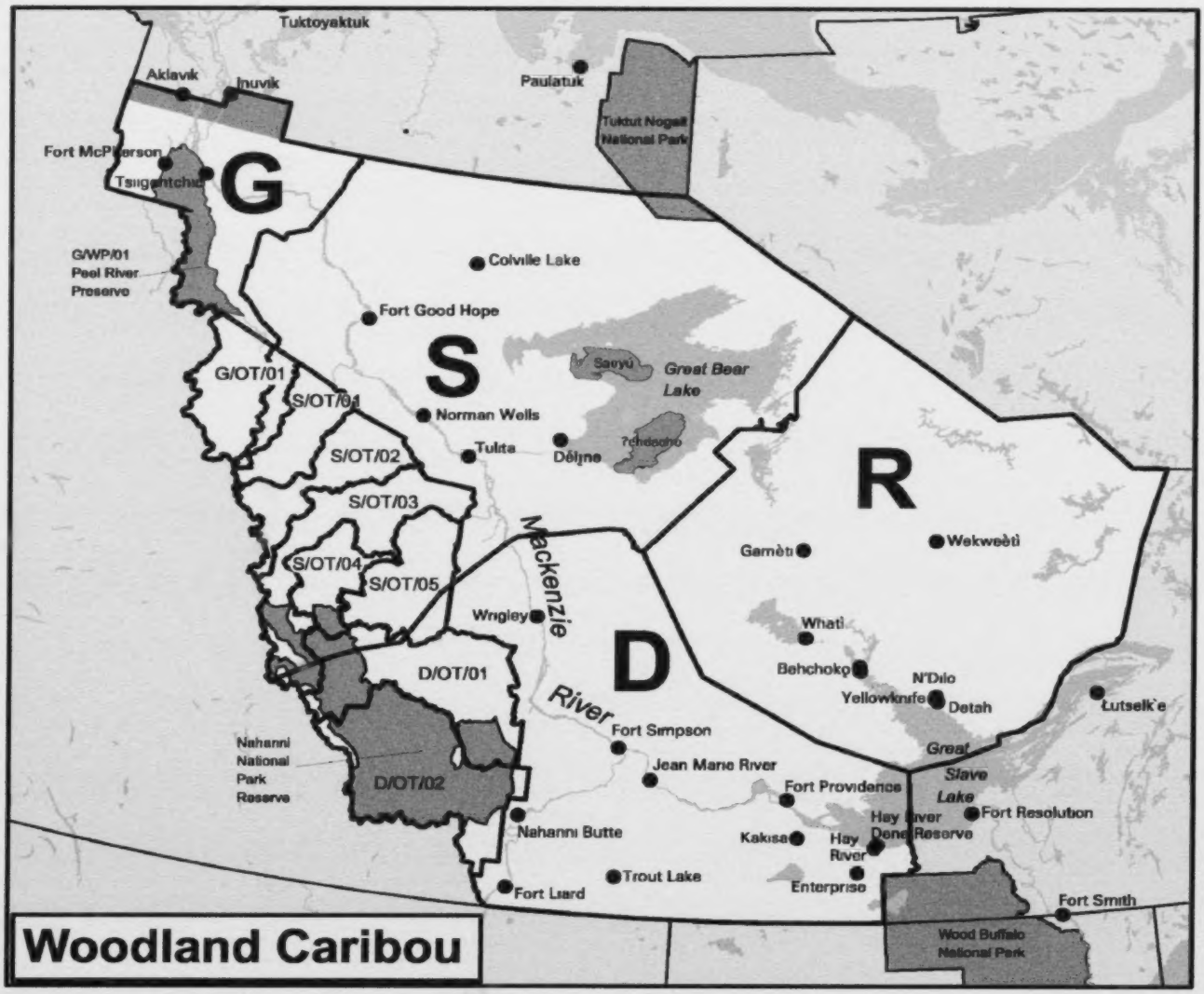


## WOODLAND CARIBOU

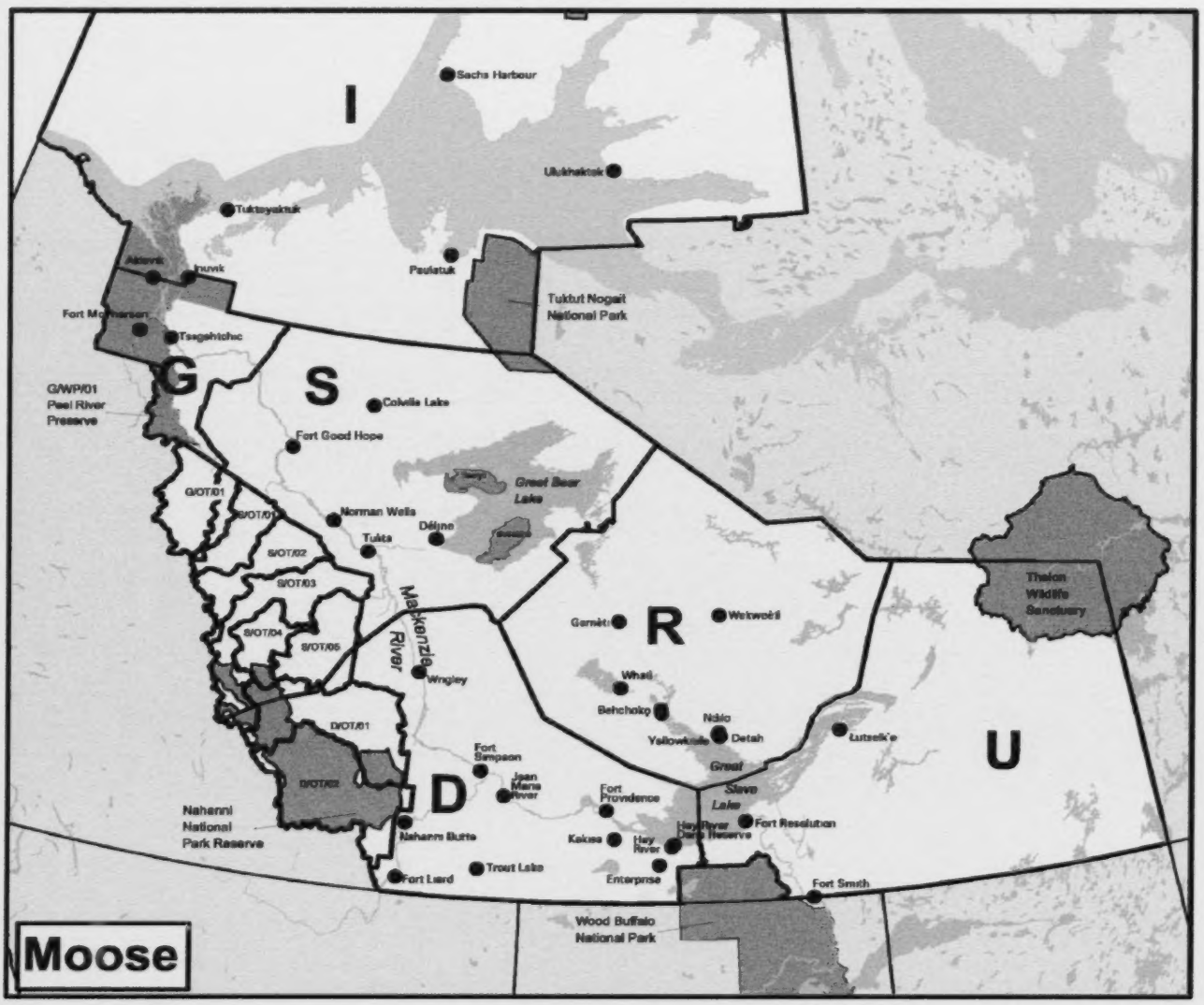
| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | one | 15 July – 31 Jan | D, G (south of 68° N and except G/WP/01), R, S |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 400.00 | one | 25 July – 31 Oct | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 400.00 | one | | |



## MOOSE

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | one | 1 Sept – 31 Jan | D, G (south of 68° N and east of the west bank of the east branch of the Mackenzie River), I (east of the east bank of the east branch of the Mackenzie River), R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 400.00 | one | 1 Sept – 31 Oct | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 400.00 | one | | |

**Note: All islands in the Mackenzie River are closed to moose hunting from 01 December to 31 January.**



**Limit consumption of moose organs from the southern Mackenzie Mountains in the Dehcho, due to high cadmium levels.**

The Chief Medical Health Officer issued a notice in February 2009 recommending that people limit the quantity of liver and kidneys eaten from moose harvested in the southern Mackenzie Mountains, and the Mackenzie and Liard valleys.

Moose liver and kidney organs collected from the southern Mackenzie Mountains, and the Mackenzie and Liard valleys were tested as part of a wildlife monitoring program, and some animals were found to have elevated levels of cadmium.

Recommended Maximum Weekly Intakes (RMWI) were provided based on the Provisional Tolerable Weekly Intake (PTWI) of 7 ug/kg bw/week.

The RMWI for the kidney and liver of moose harvested in the Mackenzie and Liard valleys is 16 and 154 g/ week, respectively. This amounts to consumption of approximately **one serving of moose kidney every two months or one serving of moose liver per week.**

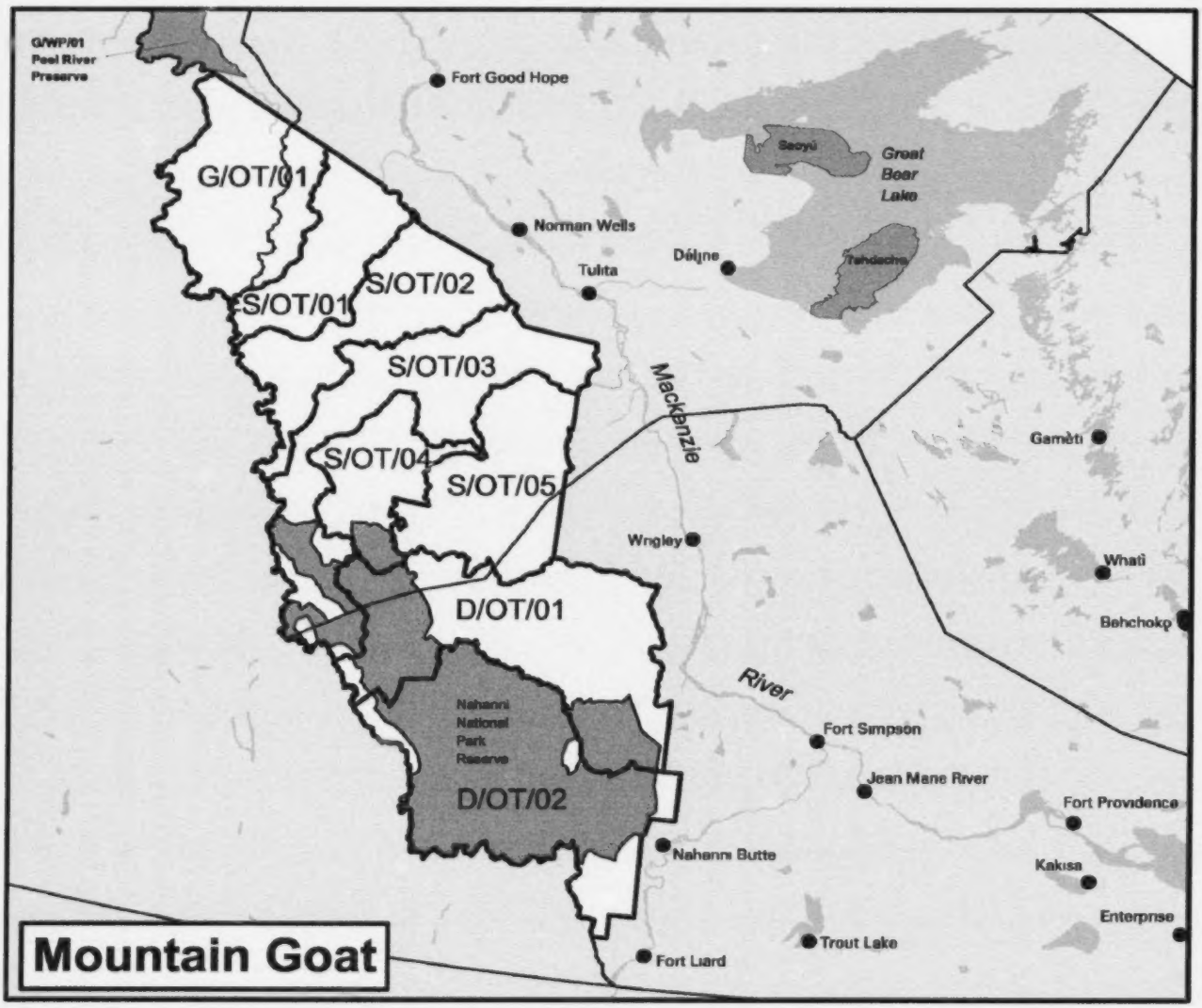
The mountain moose have much higher cadmium levels. The RMWI for consumption of kidney and liver from these animals is approximately 2 and 14 g/week, respectively. This would amount to **only one serving of mountain moose liver every three months**. It is recommended that **no kidneys from these animals be consumed due to the significantly higher cadmium levels.**

**Levels of cadmium in the MEAT of both valley and mountain moose are very low, and moose MEAT remains a very healthy food choice.**

**For more information, contact:**
Damien Healy
Manager, Communications
Health and Social Services
Phone: 867-920-8927

## MOUNTAIN GOAT

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | one | ALL HUNTERS<br><br>15 July – 31 Oct | ALL HUNTERS<br><br>D/OT/01 – 02,<br>G/OT/01,<br>S/OT/01 – 05 |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 400.00 | one | | |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 400.00 | one | | |



## MUSKOX

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | [b] total of four tags – on a draw system | 1 July – 15 Apr and 15 June – 30 June | U/MX/01[g] |
| | | | [b] total of five tags – on a draw system | 1 Aug – 15 Apr | [a,e] S/MX/01 |
| | | | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 15 Aug – 30 Apr<br>1 Oct – 30 Apr<br>15 Sept – 30 Apr | [c] I/MX/01 – 03[f]<br>[c] I/MX/05[f]<br>[c] I/MX/06[f] |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 300.00 | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 15 Aug – 30 Apr<br>1 Oct – 30 Apr<br>15 Sept – 30 Apr<br>1 Aug – 30 Apr | [a] I/MX/01 – 03[f]<br>[c] I/MX/05[f]<br>[c] I/MX/06[f]<br>[a,d] S/MX/01, U/MX/01[g] |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 300.00 | | | |

Note: When hunting muskox, a hunter must not knowingly approach by vehicle (including a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle) any closer than 1.5 km to the muskox.

[a] There is no hunting of muskox until 12 hours has passed after the termination of the helicopter flight into S/MX/01. This restriction applies to all classes of licence holders including Sahtù beneficiaries and GHL harvesters.

[b] For muskox draw information, please see the Muskox and Wood Bison Tag Allocation section on page 8.

[c] HTCs may or may not allocate any portion of the quota to this class of licence.

[d] Male only.

[e] Tags are available from local RRCs, but must be validated at ENR.

[f] Non-beneficiaries must receive permission to hunt muskox anywhere in the ISR. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR – see page 9.

[g] Mandatory reporting of harvest to local ENR office.

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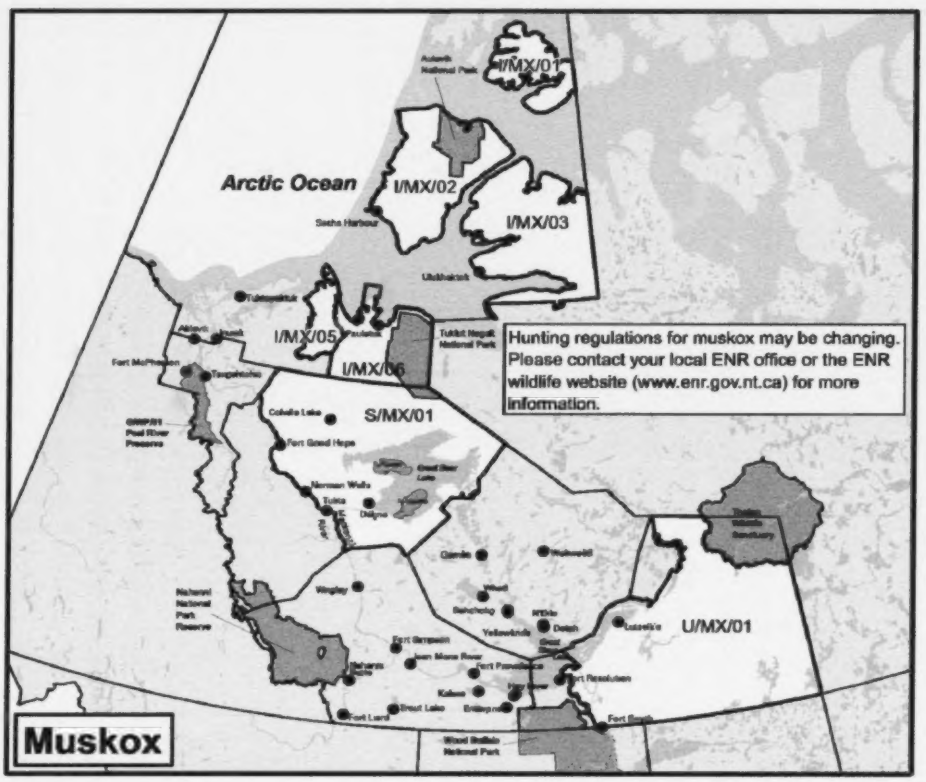
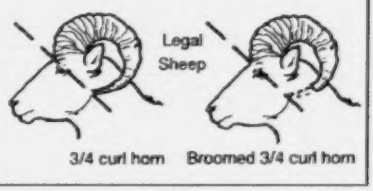
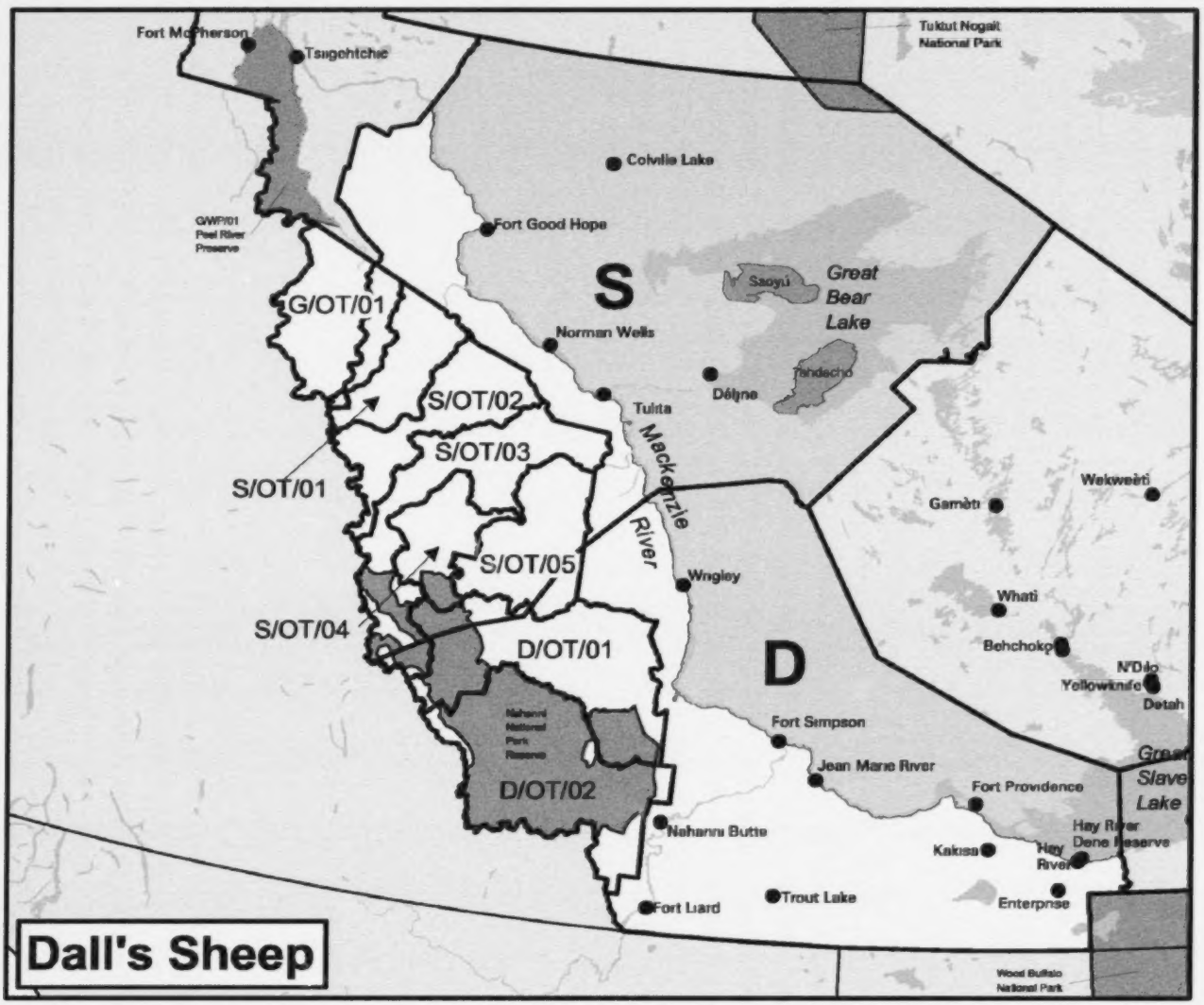


## DALL'S SHEEP

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | ALL HUNTERS one adult male with a minimum 3/4 curl (see below for a definition of legal ram) | 15 July – 31 Oct | D (west of the Mackenzie River), G/OT/01, S (west of the Mackenzie River) |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 400.00 | | 15 July – 31 Oct | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 400.00 | | | |

A legal Dall's sheep is a ram with at least one horn that is 3/4 curl or larger. To check the curl, view the animal from the side and imagine a straight line from the base to the tip of the horn. If the line passes through the back corner of the eye, or anywhere forward of that, it is a legal ram. If the horn is broomed, imagine it as if it were whole and draw the same line. If it passes through the back corner of the eye, it is a legal 3/4 curl ram. Every Dall's sheep horn, whether obtained through hunting or just picked up, must have a numbered plug inserted in if being exported from the NWT.

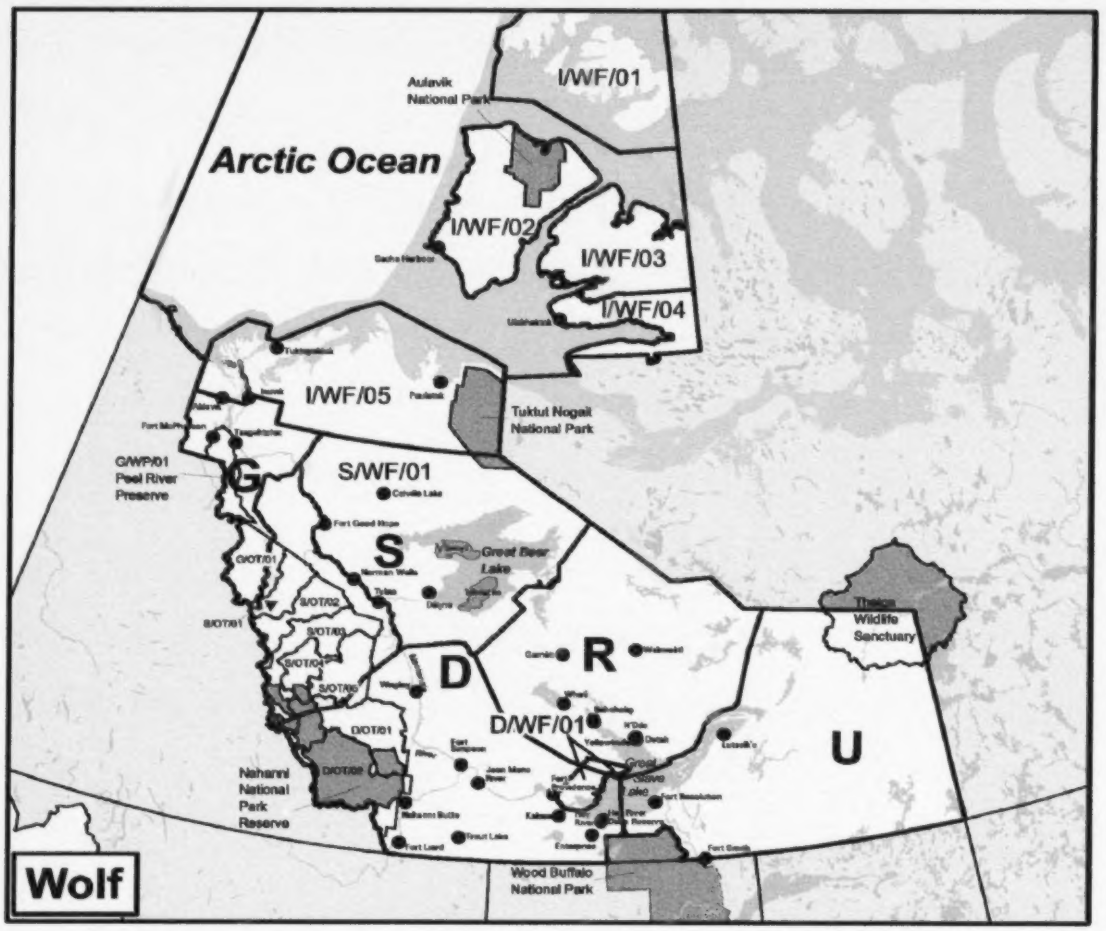


## WOLF

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 15 Aug – 31 May | D, G, I/WF/01 – 05[a], R, S, U |
| | | | | 25 July – 31 May | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 200.00 | one | 25 July – 10 Oct | D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01 |
| | | | | 25 July – 15 Apr | S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| | | | | 15 Aug – 31 May | D/WS/01 |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 200.00 | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 15 Aug – 31 May | I/WF/01 – 05[a] |
| | | | two | 1 Aug – 15 Apr | S/WF/01 |
| | | | | 15 Aug – 31 May | R, U |

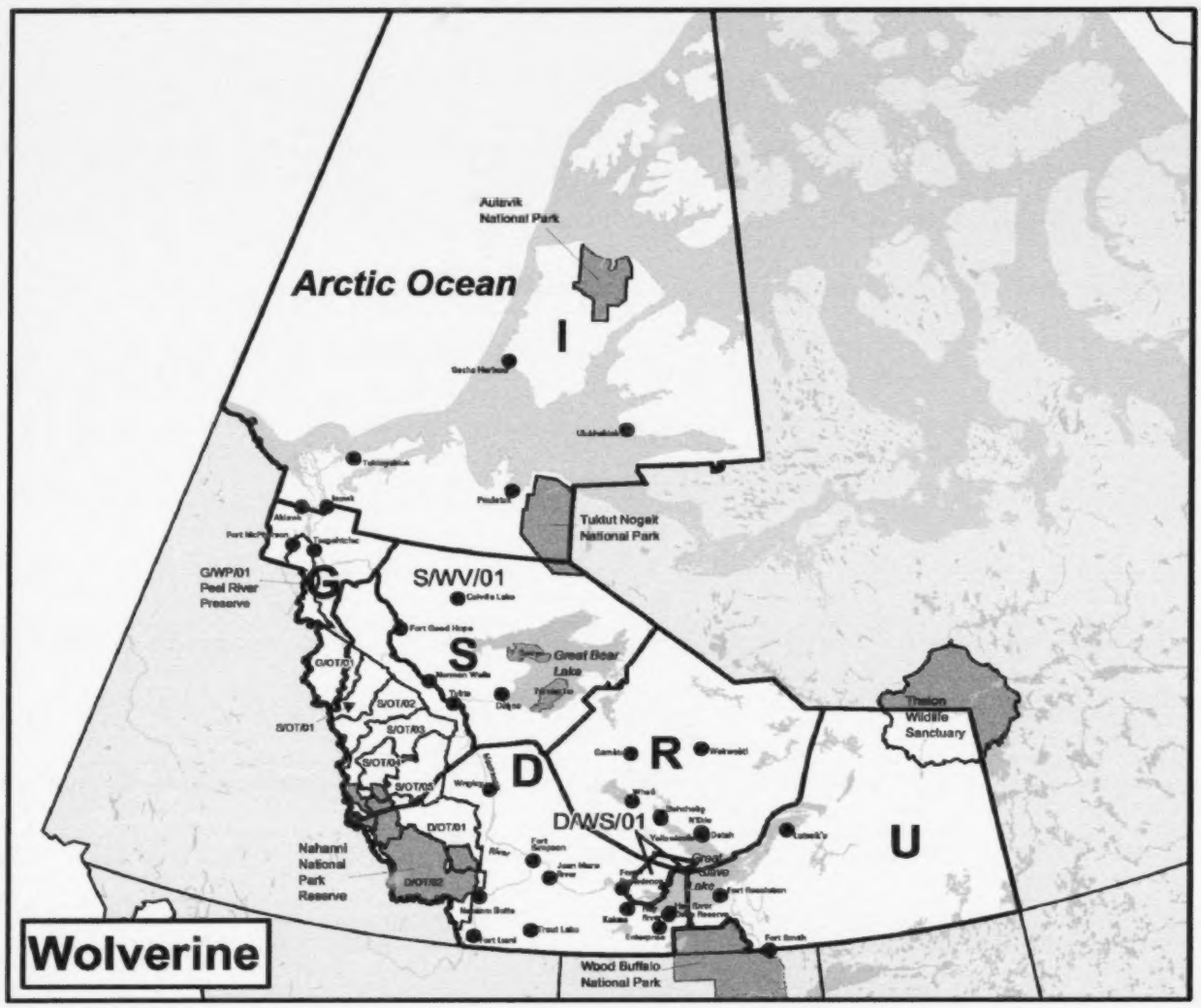
[a] A vendor shall not issue a tag to a hunter unless the hunter provides the vendor with the written permission of each applicable HTC for the hunter to hunt wolf in the area. For the purposes of this condition, "applicable HTC" means an HTC that has responsibility in the area in which the hunter will be hunting. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR – see page 9.



## WOLVERINE

| | TAG FEE | HARVEST FEE | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 20.00 | N/A | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 25 July – 30 Apr<br>1 July – 30 June | D, G, R, S, U<br>I[a] |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 200.00 | one or more in accordance with the number of tags held | 1 Dec – 15 Mar<br>15 Aug – 31 Oct | U<br>U |
| Non-resident | 40.00 | 200.00 | one | 1 July – 30 June<br>1 Aug – 15 Apr<br>1 Dec – 15 Mar<br>15 Aug – 31 Oct<br>25 July – 10 Oct | I[a]<br>S/WV/01<br>D/WS/01<br>R<br>D/OT/01 – 02, G/OT/01, S/OT/01 – 05 (see outfitters map page 17) |
| Non-resident Alien | 100.00 | 200.00 | | | |

[a] A vendor shall not issue a tag to a hunter unless the hunter provides the vendor with the written permission of each applicable HTC for the hunter to hunt wolverine in the area. For the purposes of this condition, "applicable HTC" means an HTC that has responsibility in the area in which the hunter will be hunting. For more information, contact the applicable offices in the ISR – see page 9.



## SMALL GAME SPECIES

**Fees for all small game authorizations are: Resident – $20.00, Non-resident – $40.00, Non-resident Alien – $100.00.**

### HARE (ALL SPECIES)

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July – 30 June | D, G, R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

### MARMOTS

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July – 30 June | D, R, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

### WOODCHUCKS

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July – 30 June | D, G, I, R (except Tłı̨chǫ lands), S, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

### GROUND SQUIRRELS

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July – 30 June | D, R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

### GROUNDHOGS, PORCUPINES, NORTHERN FLYING SQUIRREL

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July - 30 June | D, G, I, R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

## RED SQUIRREL

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | No limit | 1 July – 30 June | D, R (except Tłı̨chǫ lands), U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | | |
| Non-resident Alien | | | |

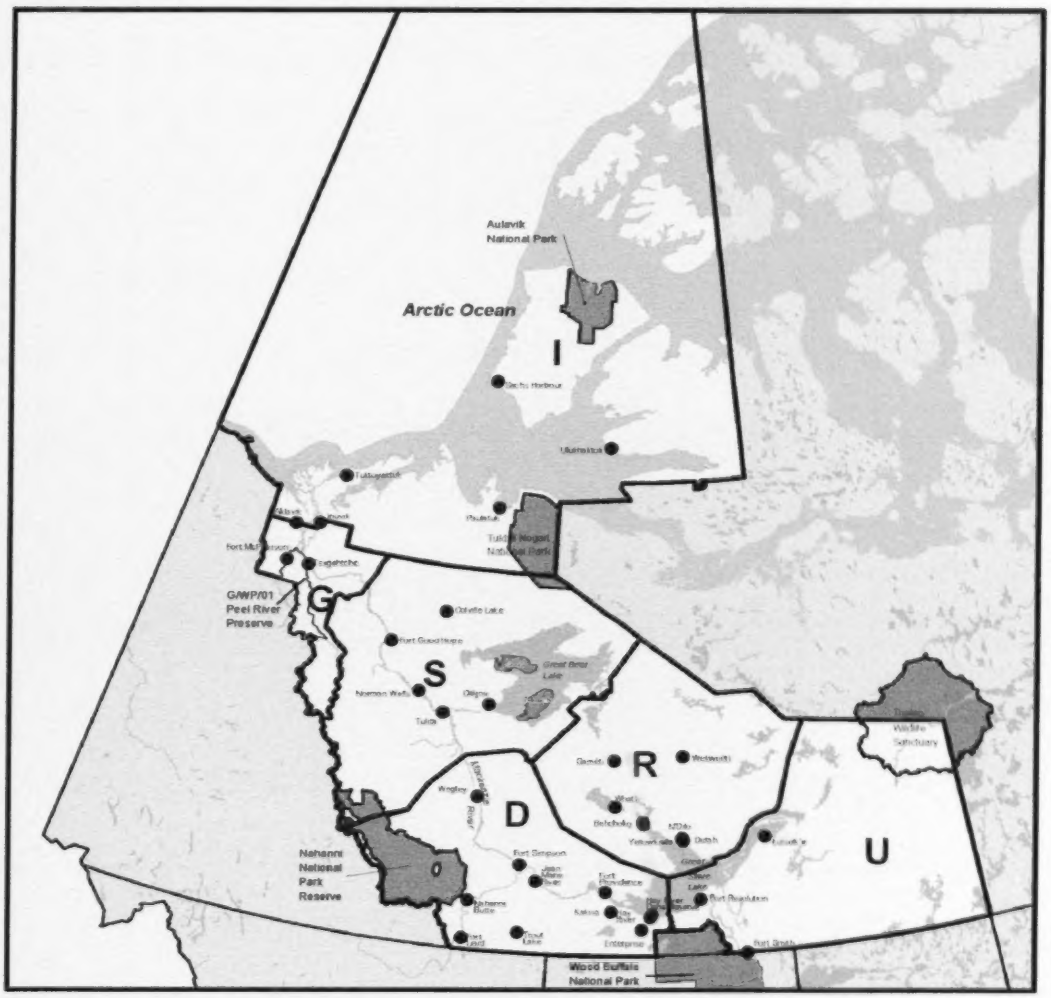
**Note: Residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens are not permitted to harvest this species on Tłı̨chǫ lands.**

## PTARMIGAN AND GROUSE

| | BAG LIMIT | SEASON | HUNTING AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resident | 10/day; possession limit 40 | 1 Sept – 30 Apr | D, G, I, R, S, U |
| Non-resident | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | 1 Sept – 30 Apr | D, G, I, R, S, U |
| Non-resident Alien | 5/day; possession limit of 10 | 1 Sept – 30 Apr | D, G, I, R, S, U |

### Small Game Areas

**Hares (all species), Marmots, Woodchucks, Groundhogs, Porcupines, Squirrels, Ptarmigan and Grouse.**



## SOAK-STIR-SOAK THE ASHES

NWT weather is often dry and drought conditions may exist. Burn permits are required May 1 to September 30 for any fire other than cooking or warmth. If you must have a campfire, use extreme caution and make sure your fire is completely out before you leave it.

- Smaller, lower intensity campfires are best for cooking on and can be safely managed. Don't build campfires too large to extinguish or to control.
- Before lighting a campfire, dig a fire pit down to mineral soil; no organic or burnable material (wood, moss, twigs) should be in the pit. The best fire pits have sand or gravel bottoms.
- Clear the area around the pit of all woody or organic surface debris. A safe clear area is at least 3 m in diametre. If possible, use a ring of rocks to guard against escaping sparks, coal and other fire hazards.

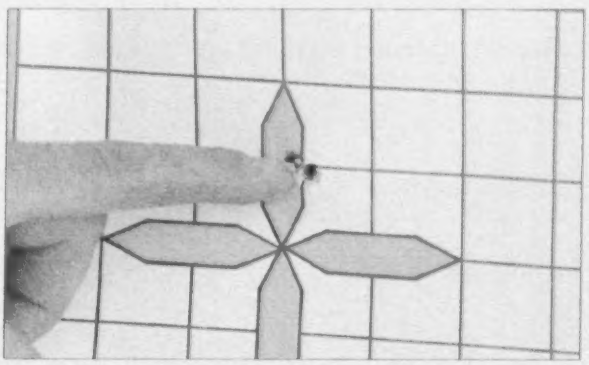
- Build your campfire away from flammable structures such as tents, trees and buildings.
- Keep a pail of water or a shovel nearby and, before leaving, make sure the fire is completely extinguished.
- Pour water onto the fire until no smoke or flames are visible. Stir the pile with a stick or the shovel and continue adding water.
- Repeat until the campfire is out.

Enjoy your campfires, but please do your part to prevent wild fires. To report a wildfire, call: 1-877-NWT-FIRE or 1-877-698-3473. For updated information on wildfires, visit nwtfire.com or NWT Fire on Facebook.

## HOW TO SIGHT-IN YOUR RIFLE

To ensure a clean, quick kill and reduce wounding and wastage, you should always sight-in your rifle before you go hunting. Don't rely on bore-sighting (looking down the inside of your rifle barrel at your target) for rifle accuracy. To be certain, use a series of paper targets to sight-in your rifle and be sure to use the same type of ammunition you will use when hunting.

**STEP 1**
Set up a paper target with a safe backstop (the base of a hill, gravel pit, etc.) at 25 yards (23 metres). Place your rifle on a solid rest. Fire at least three test shots.



**STEP 2**
Check the target. If the group of shots is not at your point of aim, adjust the rear sight in the same direction you want to move your shots. This will help you make sure your next set of shots hit the target. Fire another group of at least three shots. If they are hitting at your point of aim, go onto step 3. If not, repeat steps 1 and 2.

**STEP 3**
Set a target at the furthest distance at which you expect to shoot big game, to see where your rifle hits at longer ranges. Adjust your sights to hit your point of aim at that distance.

Sight rifle before hunting.
Know and practice gun safety.
Wear ear and eye protection when shooting.
Wear sunglasses in spring.

Consistency is the key to good shooting. You want your test shots to strike close to each other. If the shots are not grouped together, it could be due to your technique or some other mechanical factor.

Note: These are general guidelines only. If you need more information or help with your technique, please talk to your local Renewable Resource Officer.

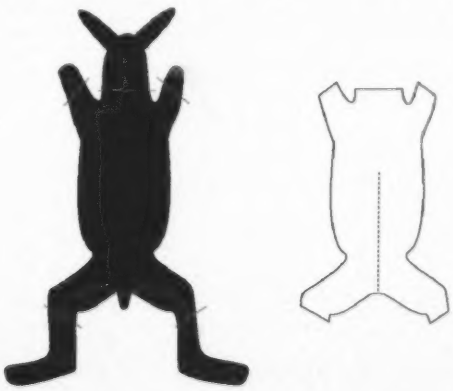
**Conserve our wildlife resources. Hunt responsibly and safely.**

## FIELD DRESSING SMALL GAME AND FIELD DRESSING UPLAND GAME BIRDS

### Dressing Small Game

With the animal lying on its back, remove the head and cut the feet off at the joints. Slide your knife under the skin, cutting along each hind leg to the base of the tail. Cut the tail off from the base of the animal. Pull the skin off the entire animal, like a sock.

Place the skinned animal on its back and make a cut along the belly to the anus. Remove intestines and organs. Wash away any remaining blood or intestinal fluids.

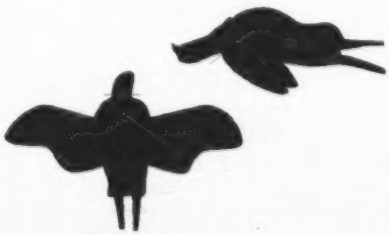


### Dressing Game Birds

When in the field, remove the innards/gizzard as soon as possible.

With the bird lying on its back, cut off the head, wings at the first joint, and feet. Make a small cut to the skin on the belly and rip open. Peel off the skin by working around the body, legs and wings, until all the skin is off. Cut under the rib cage to make a small opening. Reach in and slowly pull the innards/gizzard out. Wipe or wash the body cavity clean.

To breast the bird, cut down into the middle of the breast. Cut all the way down until you reach the rib cage. Carefully remove the breasts from the ribs by pulling the meat back while slicing the connecting tissue. This will produce two breast steaks.



Remember to use rubber disposable gloves when cleaning your game.
Always cook game meat thoroughly to kill disease organisms and parasites.

## MEAT CACHE TAGS

**If you cache your harvested game, you must take reasonable measures to:**

- Protect the items from being disturbed by other animals or the natural environment; and
- Mark the items to identify the harvester by attaching a tag, or providing the harvester's name, licence or identification number and signature.

Weather-proof meat cache tags will be available at your local ENR office, free of charge.

### MEAT CACHE

**NAME:** _____

**SIGNATURE:** _____

**AUTHORIZATION/IDENTIFICATION/LICENCE:** _____

**DATE:** _____

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## Boning Out

With the animal lying on its side, cut the hide lengthwise along the belly from the rear of the lower jaw to anus or brisket to anus if a shoulder mount is planned. Cut straight up the back of each leg from the knee to the centerline cut. Sever hide at knee joints. Skin the complete upper side of the animal to the backbone. Lay the hide on the ground still attached to the backbone.

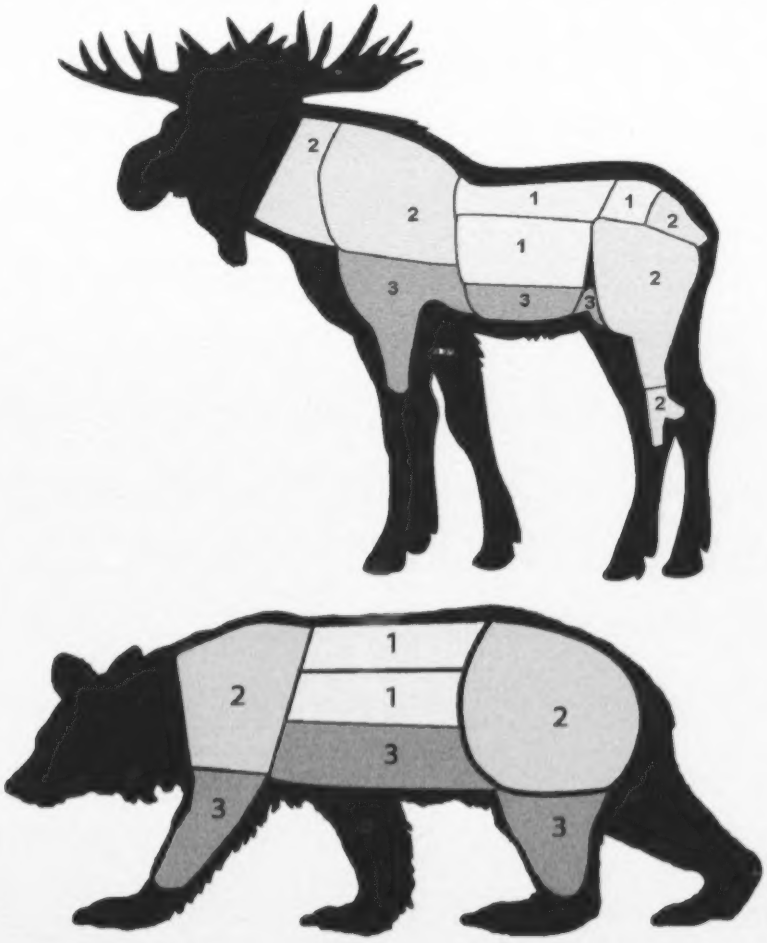
Raise the front leg straight up and cut underneath (in armpit) to above the top of the shoulder blade. There is no bone to bone connection in the shoulder. Remove the leg to a tarp or other clean area.

Raise hind leg and carefully cut away along pelvis. Keep raising and cutting until ball and socket joint is exposed and severed. Continue cutting close to the pelvis until the whole leg is severed.

Remove the backstrap by cutting a deep "V". The first cut is down along the backbone from the base of the neck to where the hind leg was removed. Then cut up towards the first cut along the top of the rib cage. The backstrap should come off in one long piece.

Filet slabs off the exposed side of the neck.

Roll the carcass over onto the hide to expose the other side and repeat cuts done of the first side.




1. **Tender Cuts:** Use dry heat. Roast, fry, broil, barbeque.
2. **Medium Tender Cuts:** Use dry or moist heat. Moist heat for extra tenderness.
3. **Less Tender Cuts:** Use moist heat methods. Braise, pot roast, stew.

## BE BEAR AWARE!

Three kinds of bears live in the Northwest Territories: black, grizzly and polar. The following tips will help you reduce encounters with a bear.

**While hunting...**

- Carry bear deterrents and make sure you know how to use them. Remember that an animal call may also attract a bear.
- Be cautious when tracking a wounded animal.
- If you see a bear, leave the area. Don't risk an encounter.

**After you kill an animal...**

- While field dressing the carcass, be aware that the scent may be attracting a bear. Make noise so nearby bears know that you are in the area.
- Remove the carcass as quickly as possible.
- Do not drag the carcass back to camp. Doing so will leave a scent trail that a bear can follow directly to your camp.

**Returning to the carcass later...**

- Separate the carcass from the gut pile. Bears will often be attracted to the gut pile first.
- When returning to the kill site, use caution. Approach the site from upwind, use binoculars to see if the site is clear and make as much noise as possible.

**Once you have finished butchering your carcass...**

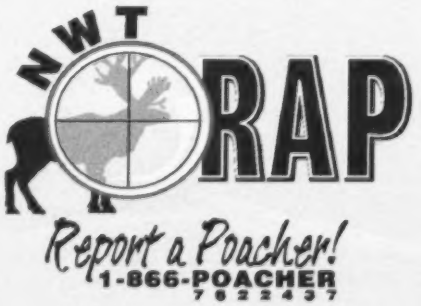
- Stash blood-soaked clothing in a plastic bag at the same location as your meat.
- Wash thoroughly before entering your sleeping quarters.
- Never trim hides or meat around camp; the scraps will attract scavenging bears long after you leave.
- Keep your meat and hides at least 100 m away from your campsite.

Bear safety videos are available from Distribution Access, Phone: 1-866-999-5292, or through their website at http://www.distributionaccess.com.

## REPORT A POACHER

Violations of renewable resource legislation are serious offences. Violators, such as poachers, deplete wildlife populations and destroy natural habitat. Any information you have concerning a suspected violation is greatly appreciated. If you see something suspicious or illegal, please call and provide as much detail about the situation as possible, including date, time, location, vehicle licence plate, air registration letters or boat registration number and the nature of the incident. The REPORT A POACHER toll-free line is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call 1-866-762-2437. Information provided on the line is passed on to a Renewable Resource Officer.

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